

## Doctrine of Faith

### What can Happen by Faith

1. The heart can be purified by faith.
  - *Acts 15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*
2. The life of a Christians is sanctified by faith.
  - *Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*
3. The righteousness of the Christian life can only be lived by faith.
  - *Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*
4. The object of saving faith is Christ.
  - *Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*
5. The basis of justification is faith and not the works of the law.
  - *Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*
6. No one is ever saved apart from faith alone.
  - *Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.*
7. Justifying faith brings peace with God in the sense of being reconciled to Him.
  - *Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*
8. As there is saving faith and justifying faith so there is accessing faith wherein we stand and have the hope of knowing the glory of God.
  - *Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

9. Anyone who seeks salvation apart from grace alone through faith alone will stumble and become offended at Christ and the gospel.
  - *Romans 9:32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone;*
  - *Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.*
10. Saving faith translates into sustaining faith which stabilizes the soul.
  - *Romans 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:*
11. Pastors are to enable believers to grow in the sphere of faith through the impartation of Bible doctrine and by pastoral oversight.
  - *2 Corinthians 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.*
12. In life's darkest hours faith causes the heart to be stabilized despite the circumstances.
  - *2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight :)*
13. Before Christ was born the church had only the promise that the Messiah would come. God kept His word. God always keeps His word.
  - *Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*
14. The law being holy, just and good, serves to bring the soul to Christ that the heart might be justified by faith.
  - *Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
15. The Bible plainly reveals how any person can become a child of God –by faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
  - *Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*
16. As the Christian once waited in faith or the promise of Christ, so the Christian now waits for the hope of perfect righteousness by the same faith. One day the dark passions of the heart shall be subdued. One day sin will be no more. One day the motions of sin shall cease. *“May that day come quickly, may it come quickly.”*

- *Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*
17. In as far as Christ dwells richly in the heart, the believer will become rooted and grounded in love. Where Christ lives there is pure love.
- *Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*
18. In the final day of divine evaluation the desire of every believer should be to be found In Christ with faith unalloyed with human works.
- *Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*
19. As a life of faith is lived so it must be maintained. God will not honor the heart that reverts to a life of self will and unbelief.
- *Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*
20. Faith produces heroic spiritual actions that are remembered in time and eternity.
- *Abel. Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*
  - *Enoch. Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*
  - *Noah. Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*
  - *Abraham. Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,*
  - *Isaac. Hebrews 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.*
  - *Jacob. Hebrews 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.*

- Joseph. *Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*
  - Moses. *Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*
  - Israel. *Hebrews 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*
  - Jericho. *Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.*
  - Rahab. *Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*
21. The faith which saves is always accompanied by good works in order to vindicate the soul before a watching world.
- *James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*