

INTRODUCTION: FAITH IS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION! (Lk.8:12; Acts 16:31; Rom.1:16; 10:9; 2Tm.3:15; Heb.10:39)

I. TRUTHS OF SAVING FAITH

- A. OBJECT OF SAVING FAITH IS JESUS CHRIST** (Mk1:1,17; Acts15:7; 2Th1:8; Acts20:27; Lk24:44; 2Pt3:15f; 2Tm3:16f; note: testimony, promises(blessings, disciplines), commands /Mt.1:21; Lk.4:18 (prophet, priest, king))
- B. COGNIZANCE: KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS CHRIST** (Gal.4:8f; 1Cor.1:21f; 1Th.4:14; 2Tm.3:14f; Heb.11:3,6; e.g., *written test*)
- C. CONVICTION: PERSUASION THAT JESUS CHRIST IS TRUE** (Heb.11:1; 2Tim.3:14f; Acts 18:4; 26:28; 28:23f; 2Cor.5:11; e.g., *sworn testimony*)
- D. COMMITMENT: ENTRUSTING YOURSELF ENTIRELY TO JESUS CHRIST** (2Tm.1:12; Ps.31:5,14; 46:1; 62:7; see Mt.22:37f; e.g., *binding contract*)
- E. APPOINTED BY THE FATHER** (Eph.1:3f; 2:4f,8; Acts 18:27)
- F. ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SON** (Heb.12:2; 2:13; see Mt.11:27; Jn.3:11f; 8:16; Mt.26:42; see Acts 15:11)
- G. APPLIED BY THE SPIRIT** (Acts 6:5; 2Cor.4:13; Eph.1:17; Gal.3:3,14; 5:5)
- H. COMES THROUGH HEARING THE WORD** (Rom.10:14-17; 1Th.2:13; 2Tm.3:14f)
- I. GROWS BY WORD, SACRAMENT, PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP** (1Pt.2:2; Acts 20:22; Heb.5:12f; Rom.4:11; Jn.6:55; Mk.9:24; Lk.17:5; Rom.1:12)
- J. EXISTS WITH HOPE & LOVE** (1Cor.13:13; 1Th.1:3; 5:8; see Rom.5:1-5; Gal.5:5,6; Eph.4:2-5; Col.1:4,5; 1Tm.4:10,11; Heb.6:10-12; 10:19-25; 1Pt.1:21,22; see Heb.11:1)
- K. BEARS FRUIT IN GOOD WORKS** (Eph.2:8-10; 2Tm.3:17,14f; Jms.2:14f; see Rom.10:9; Heb.11:1f; Jn.14:15; see Mt.3:10; 5:16; 7:17f; 12:33; Tt.1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14)

II. ABRAHAM: THE PREEMINENT EXAMPLE OF SAVING FAITH

(Gal.3:9; see Gen.15:6(Rom.4:3f; Gal.3:6f; Jms.2:23f); Heb.11:8f, 17f)

III. CONSEQUENCES OF THE TRUTHS OF SAVING FAITH

- A. PRAY FOR FAITH!** (Eph.2:8; Lk.11:13; 17:5; Mk.9:24; note: thanksgiving, Phil.4:6, 7)
- B. HEAR THE WORD FOR FAITH!** (Rom.10:14-17; 2Tm.3:14, 15)
 - 1. study to know (Ez.7:10; see Ps.19; 119)
 - 2. get answers to questions and resolutions of doubts for persuasion (1Pt.1:10f; Lk.3:2f; Acts 16:30)
 - 3. study to grow (1Pt.2:2; Heb.5:12f; 2Tm.3:16f; see Mt.6:30; 8:10; 17:20; 13:31)
 - 4. endure exercise to grow (Heb.11:17; Jms.1:3; 1Pt.1:7; see Rom.4:18f; Heb.11:1f)
- C. COMMIT TO THE LORD IN FAITH!** (Acts 16:31f; 2:37f; 8:12; 22:16; Mt.28:19; also 1Cor.10:16f w/2Sam.9:7f; 1Kngs.2:7; LK.22:7f, (21),30)
- D. BEAR THE FRUIT OF FAITH IN FAITHFULNESS!** (Eph.2:8-10; 2Tm.3:17,14f; Jms.2:14f; see Rom.10:9; Heb.11:1f; Jn.14:15; see Mt.5:16; Tt.1:16; 2:7, 14; 3:1, 8, 14)
- E. REST IN THE FAITHFUL GOD!** (Eph.1:3f, 17; 2:1-10; see Heb.12:2; 2Tm.1:12)