

Romans Series

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What is Belief? Romans 13:11

OUR WORKS
FILTHY RAGS



CHRIST'S
PERFECT
RIGHTEOUSNESS
& THE CROSS



ROMANS

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE

Rom. 13:11, “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Rom. 13:12, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Rom. 13:13, “Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

Rom. 13:14, “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

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σωτηρία *sōtēria*

**nom fem sing salvation,
“deliverance, preservation
denote rescue and deliverance in
the sense of averting some
danger threatening life”**

Heb. 9:28, “so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

1 Pet. 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Pet. 1:9, “receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE

ONE

Justification

**Positional
Sanctification**

Saved from
Penalty of Sin

PHASE

Two

**Spiritual
Life**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

Saved from
Power of Sin

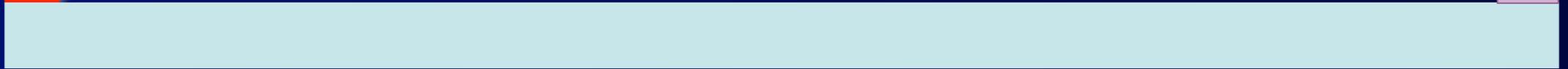
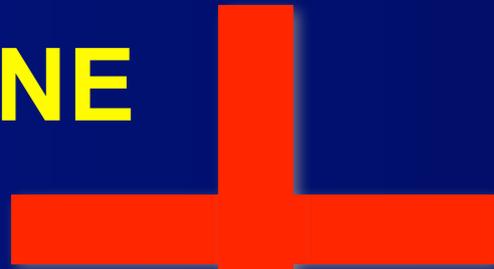
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THREE

Glorification

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

Saved from
Presence of Sin



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πιστεύω *pisteuō*

Verb aor act indic

**1 plur “to believe,
trust”**

FAITH: What is it?

1. Introductory issues?

Kinds of faith? Supernatural vs. natural faith?

Saving faith vs. non-saving faith?

Head faith vs. heart faith?

Psa. 15:2, “He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;”

Psa. 49:3, “My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.”

Acts 8:22, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.”

FAITH: What is it?

Psa. 73:21,

**“Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was vexed in my mind.”**

Heart = mind

FAITH: What is it?

1 Sam. 2:35, “Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.”

FAITH: What is it?

**Jer. 17:10, “I, the LORD, search the heart,
I test the mind,
Even to give every man according
to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.”**

FAITH: What is it?

Psa. 7:9, “Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.”

FAITH: What is it?

Rev. 2:23, “I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.”

FAITH: What Is it?

2. Different kinds of faith in the Scripture are related to the different objects of faith.

Rom. 1:17, “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’ ”

FAITH: What is it?

- 3. Faith is a mental activity triggered by volition. As such, faith cannot be emotion because emotion cannot respond to a command.**

Acts 16:31, “*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.”

Believe is an aorist active imperative.

FAITH: What is it?

4. Faith is always directed toward an object which *can be expressed in a proposition*. A proposition is the verbal expression of a thought which can be verified or falsified. Therefore faith is not a function of emotion but of reason. You believe with your mind only.

Example of a proposition: The sky is blue.

FAITH: What is it?

Notitia

Understanding

Assensus

Assent, agreement

Fiducia

Belief

***fides* (Latin noun) vs. *pisteuo* (Greek verb)**

“faith”

vs. “believe”

**Medieval
duty, fulfilling
one’s pledge;
Loyalty to a person**

**Mental acceptance of
something as true**

5. Therefore, we do not believe directly in a person, or come to salvation through a relationship with Jesus, but first believe the propositions in Scripture that inform us about Jesus and His saving work on the cross.

This means faith is rational not irrational. Though what is believed may be irrational or rational, faith itself is not.

6. Therefore, faith is an activity of the mentality of the soul which is the affirmation and agreement that something is true.

7. Faith has no merit in itself—all the merit lies in the object of faith.

Ex.: It doesn't matter how much faith I have (or how sincere I am) that I have \$1,000 in my checking account if I have only \$1 I'm in trouble.

8. Faith as an intellectual activity excludes emotion.

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; Intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent; Nonlogical; Nonrational; Nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective; Revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

9. Faith is not something we do, but it is the channel by which we appropriate what God has done for us.

Ephesians 2:8–9,

“... saved by grace *through* faith.”

10. In Scripture, faith is divided into two types:

Faith directed to the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross for justification salvation.

Faith directed to the promises and statements of Scripture for spiritual growth and the spiritual life.

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