
True Saving Faith

Read: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; John 3:14-21, 36; 4:46-53

1. **Q.** Will all men be saved by Jesus Christ the Mediator?
A. No, only those who receive Him by a true faith.
2. **Q.** What is true saving faith?
A. It is to know and believe in Jesus Christ as our only Saviour from sin, and to trust Him for all things.
3. **Q.** Which other kinds of faith are there according to the Bible?
A. Historical faith, miraculous faith, and temporary faith.
4. **Q.** How do we prove that we have true, saving faith?
A. By the way in which we seek, receive, and serve Jesus Christ

A Pastoral Message

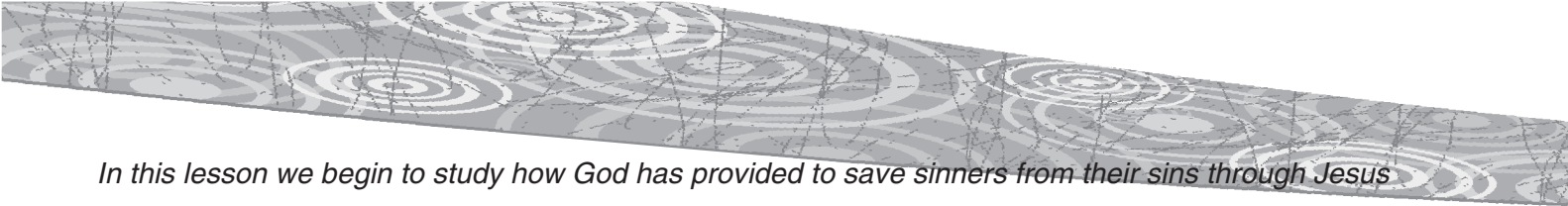
God sent Jesus to be the Mediator and Saviour from sin. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. See Ezekiel 33:11. He is not willing that any should perish. See 2 Peter 3:9.

Regardless of how wickedly anyone has lived, or how tragically he has sinned, God in His Word extends the offer of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ.

However, it is a sad fact that many do not care to be delivered from their sin; therefore they die unsaved. In Matthew 7:13 we read, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."

We may see our sins as He sees them and that by His grace we may flee to Christ, who even saves the chief of sinners. We must continue to pray until He hears our cry.



In this lesson we begin to study how God has provided to save sinners from their sins through Jesus Christ. God not only requires of us that we should know what sin really is, but He also teaches us what salvation is, and how we may obtain it. We gain this knowledge through a careful study of the Bible and the enlightening grace of the Holy Spirit.

We must never forget to pray, "Lord be pleased to enlighten my heart and mind by Thy Holy Spirit's grace, that I may see the shame and guilt of my sin and Thy wondrous grace revealed in the Saviour from sin. Oh let me as a poor sinner fly to a rich Christ."

I. The Necessity of True Saving Faith

1. To be saved, we must have a true, saving faith in Jesus Christ. We will understand what this means by looking up the following passages in the Bible.

(a) "But without _____ it is _____ to please ____" (Hebrews 11:6a).

(b) A person may be very sincere in what he believes and not have saving faith.

This is evident in the life of Paul. When he was a persecutor he was sincere in that he bel _____ d and at the same time an enemy of the truth as it is in Jesus (Acts 22:3-7).

(c) Whom does Jesus save from sin? Those who b _____ in Him (Acts 16:31a).

II. Historical Faith

1. **Q.** Which man believed the Scriptures but was not saved? (Acts 26:27, 28).

A. King _____ believed the Scriptures, but was not _____.

2. **Q.** Who also believe that there is one God?

A. The _____ also believed. (James 2: 19).

3. **Q.** What did they confess before Christ? (Luke 4:41).

A. "Thou art _____ the _____."

4. **Q.** Is it possible for them to be saved? (2 Peter 2:4).

A. ____ it is ____.

5. **Q.** How would you define historical faith?

A. Historical faith is an intellectual acceptance of the truths of the B _____ without a saving interest in _____ (Matthew 7:26 & John 3:2).

6. **Q.** Who can give us saving faith? (Ephesians 2:8b).

A. Faith is "the _____ of God."

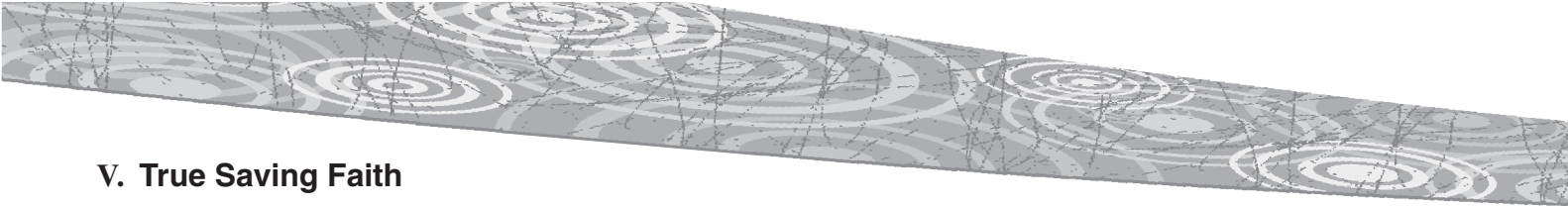
III. Miraculous Faith

This is not to believe that the miracles of the Bible are true. Every believer does acknowledge this. But it is a strong confidence that a miracle will happen either through us or to us. A miraculous faith is not sufficient to salvation. Neither is it a mark of true saving faith.

1. **Q.** Which of Jesus' disciples performed miracles but died unsaved?
A. _ _ _ _ _ Iscariot (Matthew 10: 1-8 & Mark 14:18, 21).
2. **Q.** When Jesus returns, what will many claim to have done in His name?
A. They will claim to have pr _ _ _ _ _ , to have cast out _ _ _ _ _ , and to have done many
_ _ _ _ _ works in the name of Jesus (Mathew 7:22).
3. **Q.** What will Jesus say to them? (Matthew 7:23).
A. "I never _ _ _ _ you. D _ _ _ _ from me, ye that work iniquity."

IV. Temporary Faith

1. **Q.** What kind of faith is described in the parable of the seed that was sown upon the stony places?
(Matthew 13:5-6, 20, 21).
A. T _ _ _ _ _ .
2. **Q.** How would you define temporary faith?
A. Temporary faith is faith that endures for a _ _ _ _ _ ; but by and by such a person is _ _ _ _ _
(Matthew 13:21).
3. Jesus said, "He hath not root in himself." (Matthew 13:21)
Q. What are the roots of true faith according to Psalm 38:18b?
A. Confession of _ _ _ and sorry for _ _ _ John 3:7b?
"Ye must be _ _ _ _ again."
4. In Philemon vs. 24 and in 2 Timothy 4:10a we read of Demas.
Q. (a) What was his work? **A.** Demas was a _ _ _ _ _ - labourer of the Apostle Paul.
Q. (b) What work did he do? **A.** Demas left P _ _ _ and returned to the world.
Q. (c) Did he have true faith? **A.** _____
Q. (d) What kind of faith did he have? **A.** T _ _ _ _ _ faith.



V. True Saving Faith

1. **Q.** What is necessary to have eternal life? (John 17:3).

A. “And this is _____, that they might _____ thee the only true _____, and _____ Christ whom, thou hast _____.”

2. **Q.** What did Paul write about his faith in 2 Timothy 1:12?

A. “I _____ whom I have believed, and am _____ that he is able to _____ that which I have committed unto him against that day.”

3. **Q.** What does the person believe who has true saving faith?

A. He believes that the _____ of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses from _____ sin (1 John 1:7c).

4. **Q.** How is true faith received?

A. True faith is the _____ of _____ (Ephesians 2:8c). “So faith cometh by _____, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

5. **Q.** If we have true, saving faith, how does that reveal itself in our lives?

A. By the way in which we s____k, receive and s____v e the Lord Jesus Christ.
(See #4 above)

6. **Q.** Can true, saving faith ever be lost?

A. (a)Yes. (b) No. (Philippians 1:6) Underline the correct answer.

7. **Q.** What are we urged to do in 2 Corinthians 13:5a?

A. We are urged to _____ ourselves whether we be in the _____.

The Apostolic Creed

1. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
2. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
5. The third day he arose again from the dead;
6. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
7. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
8. I believe in the Holy Ghost;
9. I believe an holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
10. The forgiveness of sins;
11. The resurrection of the body;
12. And the life everlasting. Amen.

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