

Topic: Personal Salvation!

Text: Acts 16:31 - 32 (NASB)

<sup>31</sup>THEY SAID, "BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED, YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD." <sup>32</sup>AND THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF THE LORD TO HIM TOGETHER WITH ALL WHO WERE IN HIS HOUSE.

Just "believing" isn't enough! Here's why:

**James 2:19 - 20 (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup>Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

<sup>20</sup>But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

**John 2:23 - 25 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, **many believed in his name**, when they saw the miracles which he did.

<sup>24</sup>But **Jesus did not commit himself unto them**, because he knew all *men*,

<sup>25</sup>And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

**John 12:42 - 43 (KJV)**

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless among the chief rulers also **many believed on him**; but because of the Pharisees **they did not confess him**, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

<sup>43</sup>For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

**What is faith that saves? (i.e. saving faith)**

Saving faith consists of mental, emotional, and volitional elements.

Saving faith involves both the mind and the will.

**Rom 10:9 - 10 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup>That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

3 aspects of faith:

1. Mental = recognize that the gospel of Jesus Christ is true.  
**(That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus)**
2. Emotional = acknowledge this truth and your need of Jesus in your life.  
**(and shalt believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead)**
3. Volitional = personally commit to the Lord Jesus Christ by accepting His death, burial and resurrection as the only means of removing our sin.  
**(with the heart man believes unto righteousness)**

**True saving faith** = using your head + your heart + your hands

A few examples of true conversion through saving faith:

Zaccheus – Luke 19

Samaritan Woman – John 4

Philippian Jailor – Acts 16

Saul of Tarsus – Acts 9

### **Evidence of saving faith:**

1. COMPLETE SURRENDER YOUR PRIORITIES TO THE LORD.

**1 Corinthians 8:5** (NASB) <sup>5</sup>and *this*, not as we had expected, **but they first gave themselves to the Lord** and to us by the will of God.

2. YOU REALLY HATE ALL THAT IS SINFUL AND LOVES ALL THAT IS HOLY!

### **Acts 15:7 - 9 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup>And... hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

<sup>8</sup>And God, which knows the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;<sup>9</sup> ...**purifying their hearts by faith.**

### **1 Thess 1:8 - 9 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup>And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, ...for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God.

<sup>9</sup>for they keep talking about ...**how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.**

3. YOUR LIFE-STYLE VERIFIES YOUR CONVERSION TO JESUS!

### **Acts 26:20 (NLT)**

<sup>20</sup> all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and **prove they have changed by the good things they do.**

**1 John 2:3 - 6 (KJV)** <sup>3</sup>And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoso keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. <sup>6</sup>He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as He (Jesus) walked.

### **Monday Morning Moment**

*“for a new start, ask God for a new heart!”*

### **Old hymn “I’ve been born again!”**

My souls been anchored in my Jesus’ name

I’m filled within, I’ve free from sin

You know I’ve been born again

I started to walk, I had a new walk

I started to talk, I had a new talk

I looked at my hands, my hands looked new

I looked at my feet and they did too

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)**<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**2 Corinthians 5:17(AMP)**<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any person is [engrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh *and* new has come!