

The wonder of faith



You ask about the wonder of faith?

Let's see what the Bible says...

In John 3:16 we read these glorious words: "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that whoever who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

It is a declaration that speaks of the riches of God's grace to sinners! God brings the wonder and riches of glory that promises eternal life, back on the lost sinner's path...

Faith is vital

John 3:16 teaches us that only they who believe in Christ have eternal life. Only by faith can we share in Christ's sacrifice on the cross to pay sinners' debt with God and to reconcile them with God. By faith the benefits of Christ are accepted through which our debt is paid in full and we also receive a new life.

Without faith in the suffering and victory of Jesus Christ, salvation from death in sin is not possible.

Where do I get this wonderful faith?

God, who gave his Son (cf. John 3:16) to make reconciliation possible, also grants his children faith. No human or human institution can do so and not all people have the opportunity to believe.

It is a gift from God!

Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. . . ." Through the Holy Spirit God plants the seed of true faith in the hearts of his children. It is through the preaching of the gospel and partaking in the sacraments that faith grows to a firm and salvatory conviction and trust. Faith is active and dynamic! Romans 10:17: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

What does true faith consist of?

Faith takes hold of every part of you: mind, heart and hands. Every part of the believer must live as a "new person" for the Lord.

Knowledge in faith: The Holy Spirit enlighten the believer's mind to know and accept the Bible as God's Word.

John 20:31: "... but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life" in his name."

Whoever seeks to share in true faith must know the Word of God, must listen to the Word with full devotion.

Trust in faith: God the Holy Spirit works in the heart of the believer the trust and certainty that Christ also died for you and that through Christ you are once again a child of the heavenly Father.

Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Works of faith: Faith is also a verb! Your hands are also in service to God. James 2:17: "So also by faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

A life to the glory of God is the essence of faith. A true believer seeks to grow in the Name of God in everything.

The glorious assurance of faith

Because faith is a gift of the unchangeable God to his children, I can be sure that my faith can never be taken away. My faith is the proof that I am indeed a child of God and therefore an heir of eternal life.

My faith is the surest certainty and anchor in my life. Paul often wrote that even if everything in life is taken from you, you still have your faith in Jesus Christ and that is reason for great joy! (See for example James 1:2, Romans 5:2 and Philippians 4:4)

Faith has you rejoice in thankfulness before the Lord! This precious treasure must be built up and strengthened all the more.

Jude verse 20: "But you, beloved, building yourself up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit. . . ."

Do you believe?

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