

Uncovering Faith

Dissecting, to uncover a scriptural meaning of faith

▼ 1. Faith is a gift???

a. Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

▼ 2. The means by which we appropriate salvation

a. He doesn't say, wait for the father to give you faith and then you can receive the gift of salvation!
b. The man who had been blind

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 25 "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 26 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 27 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 28 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 29 And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 30 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 31 The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! 32 You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 33 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 34 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 35 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 36 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

37 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you

believe in the Son of Man?" 38 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 39 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 40 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 41 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 42 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 43 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

▼ 3. The cause of our salvation

a. John 14:1-14

I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. 8 From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

John 10:1-9

I Am the Good Shepherd

10 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may

▼ 4. The fact that individuals are receptive to the gospel is not a gift, but rather personal volition

a. John 6:63-65 (ESV)

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)

65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Matthew 16:13-18 (ESV)

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Luke 17:5-10 (ESV)

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Continuing with his answer to the request "Increase our faith!"

7 "Will any one of you who has a servant or slave plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'?

8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'?

9 Does he thank the servant or slave because he did what was commanded?

10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; do what we have only done as our duty.'

Acts 14:27 (LEB)

27 And when they arrived and called the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

Acts 18:27 (LEB)

27 And when he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he assisted greatly those who had believed through grace.

1 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)

7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

Philippians 1:29 (ESV)

29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

James 2:5 (ESV)

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

poor: Definition

4777 πτωχός (ptōchos), ἥ (ē), ὅς (on): adj.; =

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6.885—1. LN 57.53 poor, beggarly, destitute

(Jas 2:2); 2. LN 65.16 of little value, relatively worthless (Gal 4:9; 1Co 15:10 v.r. NA26); 3. LN 88.57

b.

is the truths revealed by the spirit to the receptive heart or mind