

Would you prefer to have eternal life when your physical body dies?

Faith;

Which is believing something to be true

Saving Faith

John 3:16 (NASB)

For who **believes** in the Son has everlasting life, and he who does not **believe** the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

There are 2 basic uses of the term **faith** in scripture

1. Defining Biblical faith, and its result:

- a. 1st. **Faith** is understanding something specific concerning the word of God, and then excepting it to be true and pertinent to you!

Faith is simply the act of believing with your intellect

Example:

1 Corinthians 10:1 (NASB)

I Moreover, brethren, **I declare to you the gospel** which I **received** **from you**, which also **you received** and in which you stand,

is **central** revealed by the Holy Spirit to be true and pertinent

verb, action, active indication

verb ... The center verb tense is used by the writer to present the action of a verb as "ongoing" means the verb action is present ways with delivery, that without regard to any action in the indicative mood, the verb usually denotes past time, while an verb participles usually refers to continuous time with respect to the main verb.

Faith is rational it is reasonable it is logical; it is belief in the content of actual reality as revealed by God to mankind.

It is based on the reality that if Jesus Christ's gift of righteousness is not received there is real eternal price to pay

The definition believe it

- b. 2nd. The use of the term **Faith** in Scripture many times describes the content of what we believe!

Example:

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NASB)

So track, stand fast in **the faith**, for Jesus, for strong.

The way the world describes **faith**, and many churches, is that it's a real strong belief in belief, based on nothing but feelings and mysticism

Galatians 3:23 (NASB)

23 But they were hearing only "He who formerly persecuted us **now preaches the faith** which he once tried to destroy!"

There was something **specifically intellectually** **conviction** for what Paul believed to be true, otherwise he would not of persecuted the church

- c. There is no merit in **faith**, however there is merit in the object of biblical faith which is the word of life, and that has eternal value:

The object of our faith is what inspires belief

for when we hear the word of God it makes sufficient sense that this is true and it inspires us

John 3:16-18 (NASB)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes** in Him

should not **PERISH** but have **everlasting life**.

17 For God did not send His **Son** into the world to **CONDEMN** the world, but that the world through Him might be **saved**.

Saved from what? **eternal punishment in the lake of fire**

18 He who **believes in Him** is not **CONDEMNED**, but he who does not **believe** is

CONDEMNED already why? **because he has not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

So what specifically does it mean to believe in the name of the Son of God?

1 Peter 2:24 (NASB)

24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having sinned to Him, might live for righteousness...by whose stripes you were healed.

Isaiah 53:11 (NASB)

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous servant shall justify many. **For He shall bear their iniquities**.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB)

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also **received**, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

6 After that He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

1 Timothy 2:6 (NASB)

6 as 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**.

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that this is actually God offering to save, to be justified on the basis of what Jesus Christ did on the cross?

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Faith is not a gift from God; it's not something God gives you; it's the **volitional** response of **belief** at the hearing of the gospel

It's **belief** that Jesus Christ paid **my penalty** for sin on the cross, and in its place He freely gives to me eternal life; on the basis of **Christ's righteousness alone**