

Having A Saving Faith

- James 2:14-20 -

- A. Why do we need to talk about believing? Are we not all believers? What some call belief (faith) is not faith at all.
- B. The faith of some is something “passed down” and “kept alive” by the next generation because they grew up with it. It is a “duty” to continue something the previous generation cherished.
- C. Each Christian’s life should be described as **Eph 5:3-14**.
- D. Do we have to “see to believe”? Can we have a faith without seeing (**John 20:24-29**)?

- 1. _____ of a _____
 - A. _____ This means you believe something is true.
 - B. _____ This is a trust in God. He has proven through His promises to be reliable (**Ps 31:6; 1 Tim 4:10; 6:17**)
 - C. _____ That means continuing, pursuing, and persevering in faith - Being faithful to God (**2 Tim 4:7; Rev 2:10**)
 - D. Do you believe everything God says and Jesus does? Do you have confidence in God, even if it gets hard and testing?

- 2. _____
 - A. We are probably not opposed to tradition, but is your faith traditional? Is your faith an acceptance of what someone else believes (You don’t own it as yours. It belongs to someone else)?
 - B. You can tell if faith is yours or it is traditional by how you answer the following questions: If your husband/wife stopped worshipping would you? If your parents stopped serving God, would you? If you are faced with a difficult choice, would your answer be based upon what others think? Where is the hope within you (**1 Pet 3:15**)
 - C. The difference between a saving faith and traditional faith is *traditional is* _____, *saving is* _____
 - D. *Traditional faith is often* _____ *than saving faith...*
 - E. *Traditional faith is often* _____
 - F. *Traditional faith is* _____
 - G. *Traditional faith is* _____
 - H. *Traditional faith will not* _____
 - I. *Traditional faith will not* _____
 - J. *Traditional faith will not* _____

3. Steps From _____ To _____ Faith

- A. _____
 - 1. Get out of denial. Admit the truth that your faith is not what it ought to be... Can you confront your faith (**2 Cor 13:5**) ?
 - 2. If you faced a tragedy like divorce, child with cancer, lose your job, children leave God, parents abuse you, etc., would you still believe in God?
 - 3. Examine your faith before a trial of fire hits you.
 - 4. Think about this father in (**Mk 9:24**).
 - 5. What would the church at Sardis say about their faith (**Rev 3:1**) ?
 - 6. Do not rent a faith honestly own it !
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
 - 1. With brethren of life faith. (**Hebrews 10:24**)

2. With the Bible (**2 Peter 3:18**)
3. With prayer (**James 1:5,6**)...