



- To the “faith only” people I kindly and lovingly ask:
1. Can one believe Mohamed is the Savior and be saved?
 2. Can one believe Jesus is not the Son of God and be saved?
 3. Can one believe another gospel and be saved (Gal. 1:6-9)?
 4. Can one believe the wrong doctrine and be saved (2 John 9)?
 5. Can one believe in salvation by “faith only” and be saved **IF** this is false doctrine; another gospel? Think and answer honestly!
- The point is, it does make a difference what one believes.

“Hold fast the form of sound words”

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(2 Tim. 1:13 cp. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)

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Heroes of Faith and the Result of Faith

What	Who	Result	Verses
Faith	Abel	Offered	Heb. 11:4
Faith	Noah	Moved/Prepared	Heb. 11:7
Faith	Abraham	obeyed/went	Heb. 11:8
Faith	Abraham	sojourned	Heb. 11:9
Faith	Sarah	conceived	Heb. 11:11
Faith	Abraham	offered	Heb. 11:17
Faith	Isaac	blessed	Heb. 11:20
Faith	Jacob	blessed	Heb. 11:21
Faith	Joseph	gave commandment	Heb. 11:22
Faith	Moses	was hid	Heb. 11:23
Faith	Moses	refused	Heb. 11:24
Faith	Moses	Choosing	Heb. 11:25
Faith	Moses	Esteeming/respect	Heb. 11:26
Faith	Moses	forsook Egypt/endured	Heb. 11:27
Faith	Moses	kept the passover	Heb. 10:28
Faith	Israelites	passed through the sea	Heb. 11:29
Faith	Jericho	the walls fell down	Heb. 11:30
Faith	Rahab	perished not/ received	Heb. 11:31

There is much more in Hebrews chapter 11 as well as the whole Bible. But one thing is lacking in the Bible and that is a record of “faith only” ever accomplishing anything, except death (cp. James 2:24,26). A dead faith will bring about eternal death, i.e., eternal damnation (Rom. 6:23; Matt. 7:21-23, etc.).

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). Friends, is your/my faith based upon the Word of God? When you speak of religious matters is it book, chapter, and verse based (1 Pet. 4:11). Contact us for more info. ♥

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The Kind Of Faith God Requires (part 5)

(Do You Have This Faith?)

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We, you and I, can have the kind of faith which pleases God. As we saw last month, it should be perfectly clear from an honest study of the book of Romans and other books of the Bible that the faith which pleases God is a working, moving, obedient faith (cp. Heb. 11). Consider: “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith (Heb. 11:7). Was this by “faith alone”? Of course not! It was an active, obedient faith. Noah’s faith “moved” him to obey God, and Noah obeyed God in all that God told him to do (Gen. 6:22). Friends, anyone can have this kind of faith if he will (Rom. 10:17). I am so thankful that “he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34,35), and that “all [His] commandments are righteousness” (Psa. 119:172). Paul, the human author of the book of Romans, sums it up very well for our understanding in Galatians 5:6, “faith which worketh by love.”

Please consider: “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). This, of course, is the kind of faith which pleases God. Friends, does your faith come from God’s Word or from the words of men? Let us examine our faith:

Do you believe in many churches, or the one church of the Bible? Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Matt. 16:18)? Do you

really believe Jesus? Is your faith truly in Jesus??? Did Jesus say churches or church – singular? Let us see what else the Bible says in Ephesians 4:4 “**There is one body**,” compare: “And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to **the church**,²³ **Which is his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:22,23 cp. Col. 1:18). What is the “body” in this context? The church. How many churches is there that is of God? **One**, only one. You can know this great truth which will help set you free from sin and eternal destruction if you want to (cp. John 8:31,32). Do you believe God? Is your faith based on God’s Word?

If you believe that there are two or more churches from God your faith is not from God’s Word and you do not believe or trust Jesus. Remember, faith that pleases God must be the truth: God’s Word is truth (John 17:17), and our faith must be from hearing God’s Word (Rom. 10:17). If you believe there are two or more churches from God I ask you kindly where did that idea come from? Where is book, chapter, and verse? If you cannot produce Bible for it then it is not from God, but is of man. To follow man’s doctrine is false and damnable (Matt. 15:9,13,14 cp. 2 Tim. 3:13). Such a faith is built upon the sands of destruction (cp. Matt. 7:21-27).

Where do you read of your church in the Bible? If you cannot read of your church in the Bible what makes you think it is from God? How can you have faith in a church that you cannot even read about in the Bible? Remember: “So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17). And with all the love and concern for your soul I pleadingly ask, where is book, chapter, and verse for the church of which you are a member? Friends, one cannot be saved while in a false church, a church which man conceived and for which Jesus did not die.

Jesus died for only one church, and if we are going to be saved we must be members of that one church we can read about in the Bible. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28). Christ is God, the Son of God (Heb. 1:8). Jesus the Christ is the member of the Godhead who died for the church. We find this church throughout the world and is thus referred to as the “churches of Christ” which is the same one church, but in different locations (See Rom.

16:16). The ones who obey the gospel of Christ are added to this one church (Acts 2:38-42,47): “And the Lord added to **the church** daily such as should be saved” (v.47). Dear friends, is your faith of God’s Word or of the words of men???

Where do you read of your faith or doctrine in the Bible? The faith of the Bible is a system (cp. Acts 3:16; 16:5; Rom. 1:5). Many “were obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7). We all can know this faith by an honest (Luke 8:15) study of the Word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

But what about “faith only”? Some think, “Surely it must be right because so many people believe it.” If we believe God we can know that “faith only” is not the faith from God’s Word and is therefore damnable! Please read James 2:14-26 where you will learn plainly that faith without works is dead!!! It cannot save. One can know that Paul and James are of the same mind because both were inspired of God. Note what Paul wrote: “faith which worketh by love” (Gal. 5:6). Paul certainly agrees with James and vice versa.

Where do you read of the plan of salvation you obeyed or doctrine you followed in order to be saved in the Bible?

It is very sad but many people are caught up in the false hope of salvation by “faith only” which, as we have already seen, is of men and not God. If you believe in salvation by “faith alone,” I kindly ask, where is book, chapter, and verse for that doctrine? Whatever system you believe in for salvation, please examine it (**2 Cor. 13:5**) and be absolutely certain that it is from God and applies to us in this Age. We must have book, chapter, and verse.

Friends, if you believe in salvation by “faith only” do not think that you are saved just because you are: (1.) doing good works; (2.) and have even been baptized even though you believe in faith only!!! Let us expound upon these two items: (1.) Doing good works are essential, but good works without obeying the gospel of Christ avails nothing (Matt. 7:21-23). One must obey the gospel (cp. 2 Thess. 1:8). (2.) One cannot be baptized correctly while believing in salvation by “faith alone.” One cannot be taught wrong and baptized right. One must **know** and **understand** the truth (Rom. 6:17,18) and **obey** the truth (1 Peter 1:22,23). Truth makes one free from sin and eternal damnation when it is obeyed (John 8:32; truth, not error). Please read what Jesus said in Matthew 7:21 and Mark 16:16.