

# BIBLICAL FOUNDATION 2 SESSION 4

## SAVING FAITH

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

According to this verse, what do we need to please God? Why is it so important?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

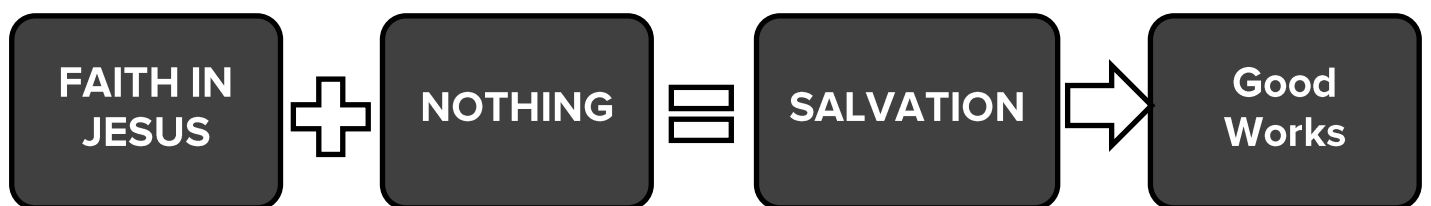
Why is faith important according to the verse?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

Why is faith important according to this verse?

### Formula of Saving Faith



Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone to forgive our sins and give us His free gift of eternal life – not in good works or in religion.

# WHAT IS BIBLICAL FAITH?

1. Biblical faith is sincere trust and \_\_\_\_\_ that result in \_\_\_\_\_.

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

2. Biblical faith has a proper object - \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup> I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you."

Do I need great faith to be saved?

The object of your faith must be reliable, otherwise your faith is useless.

# AN ILLUSTRATION OF SAVING FAITH: NOAH

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

How is Noah described in verse 9?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

What was the condition of the earth during his time?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

What did God say to Noah in verse 13?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>17</sup> I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

How was God going to destroy man?

What instructions did God give to Noah?

- a. Make an \_\_\_\_\_ (according to God's specifications-450 ft. long x 75 ft. wide x 45 ft. high).
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the ark, he and his sons and their wives.

- c. Bring \_\_\_\_\_ or more (Gen.7:2,3) of every living thing into the ark.
- d. Bring \_\_\_\_\_ for his family and also for the animals.

Noah had no concept of rain because it had never rained on earth. Were God's instructions to Noah sensible? Why or why not?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>19</sup> through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup> who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;

What do these verses prove about Noah?

What does this teach us about Saving Faith?

- a. The basis is \_\_\_\_\_ — not our feelings or our own understanding (Prov. 3:5)

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

b. It is not enough that we know—we need to \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word.

c. We may expect the world to laugh at us but we still need to warn them of God's impending wrath and the reality of \_\_\_\_\_.



BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>17</sup> I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

What did God say would happen to those who would not enter the ark?

What happened to those who did not believe God's warning through Noah?

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

What do we need to learn from the days of Noah?

## SUMMARY

1. We need Faith to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. The object of our Faith should be \_\_\_\_\_ and His word.
3. The test of our Faith is complete \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

## Application

BIBLE VERSE: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you-- unless, of course, you fail the test?

1. What does God want you to do?

**2.** How do you know if you are in the faith?

**3.** How do you recognize that Jesus Christ is in you? Or what evidences manifest His being in you?

## **MEMORY VERSE**

Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. We learned in this session the Bible’s definition of saving faith, or the faith that saves. Where do we need to put our faith so that we will be saved from our sins?

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2. Would you say that you have the kind of faith that pleases God? Why or why not?

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3. Based on this study, the ultimate test of our faith is our obedience to God, the evidence of Christ's lordship over our lives. Is there anything in your life where you are not obeying God? A sin can be an omission (what we fail to do), or an commission (what we do).

If yes, what do you need to do or to stop doing to obey God in that area/s?

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