

Saving Faith

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¹² “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even to those who believe in His name,*

¹³ *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

Yesterday we saw that belief in Jesus is the core of Christianity. Now let’s look at some implications of that saving faith.

Knowledge of who Jesus is and what He did must be accompanied by confidence that the facts are true and apply to us. **First**, it’s important to realize, *I have broken God’s law—that makes me a sinner*. All of us are born with a nature that rebels against the Lord. **Second**, we acknowledge that none of our efforts can earn His favor. **Third**, we agree that Jesus died for each of us. He paid for all our sins, no matter how terrible they are in the world’s eyes.

Next, we believe that Jesus’ death is sufficient payment for our wrongdoing; nothing else is needed. We must accept that He paid our penalty and endured the Father’s wrath in our place. **Finally**, we accept by faith that we’ve been adopted into God’s family on the basis of Christ’s atoning death. The invitation is for all humanity, but not everyone has true conviction. Too many people see these facts as “**information**” rather than life-altering truths.

Once we are convinced that Jesus is our Savior, trust is demonstrated through action. As a “**new creature**” (2 Corinthians 5:17), we each are no longer who we once were, and there are different values and priorities for us to embrace. Jesus, our Lord, has authority over our life, and He alone deserves to be our top priority. He knows what pleases the Father and has sent His Spirit to live in us and teach us.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*”

Take time to examine yourself for evidence of knowledge, conviction, and trust. If one area is lacking, ask God to help you come to true saving faith.