## PRICELESS SOUL WELL OF REVIVAL MINISTRY

## Test Your Knowledge of Saving Faith

(All scripture references are from the NASB unless otherwise noted)

Note: All verses using the word "faith" use this Greek word:

Greek pistis, Strong's 4102

pistis, *pis'-tis*; from Greek 3982 (peitho); *persuasion*, i.e. *credence*; moral *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstract *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself:-assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Please read the scripture passages and then answer the questions according to the Word of God:

1.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through <u>faith</u>; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

A.) According to this passage, are Christians saved BY grace THROUGH faith?

B.) Are Christians created FOR good works?

Acts 15:9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

According to this verse, are Christian's hearts cleansed by THE SAME SAVING faith?

<u>3.</u>

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

According to this verse, are Christians sanctified by THE SAME SAVING faith?

<u>4.</u>

Rom 9:30 ¶ What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith;

Rom 9:31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at {that} law.

Rom 9:32 Why? Because {they did} not {pursue it} by <u>faith</u>, but as though {it were} by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness based on <u>faith</u> speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down),

Rom 10:7 or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"--that is, the word of <u>faith</u> which we are preaching,

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus {as} Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Rom 10:10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

According to these passages, does righteousness come based on THE SAME SAVING faith?

<u>5.</u>

Rom 11:19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

Rom 11:20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear:

Rom 11:21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.

Rom 11:22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

Rom 11:23 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

A.) According to this passage, does THE SAME SAVING faith bring security only if we stand by it and continue in His kindness?

- B.) Does this passage also teach that one can be in the faith, broken off for unbelief, and grafted in again?
- C.) What would happen if one would continue in unbelief?
- D.) Would they not remain cut off?

Phil 1:27 ¶ Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

James 2:14 ¶ What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has <u>faith</u> but he has no works? Can that <u>faith</u> save him?

James 2:15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

James 2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for {their} body, what use is that?

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, {being} by itself.

James 2:18 ¶ But someone may {well} say, "You have <u>faith</u> and I have works; show me your <u>faith</u> without the works, and I will show you my <u>faith</u> by my works."

James 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

James 2:20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

James 2:22 You see that <u>faith</u> was working with his works, and as a result of the works, <u>faith</u> was perfected;

James 2:23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.

James 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

James 2:25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

James 2:26 For just as the body without {the} spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

1 Thess 1:3 constantly bearing in mind your work of <u>faith</u> and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

2 Thess 1:11 To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through <u>faith</u>; and that not of vourselves, {it is} the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

- A.) According to these passages, does THE SAME SAVING faith produce works?
- B.) Although people are most certainly NOT saved by their works, can faith without accompanying works save anyone?
- C.) Although one is not justified by works (Romans 3:25-31; Romans 4:1-6; Romans 9:11; Romans 11:6; Galatians 2:16; Ephes. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5), are justified ones required to do them to prove their Christian consecration (James 2:14-18,20-26)?
- D.) Is faith without works useless?
- E.) Is it a fact that just as surely as the inner man leaves the body at physical death and is no longer with the body, so faith without works is dead (separated) and is powerless?

- 1 Tim 1:19 keeping <u>faith</u> and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their <u>faith</u>.
- A.) According to this verse, can THE SAME SAVING faith be rejected and shipwrecked?
- B.) Can anyone reject and shipwreck faith that they never had?
- C.) Can one reject and shipwreck the faith that saved them, and remain saved?

8.

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the <u>faith</u> and pierced themselves with many griefs.

- 1 Tim 6:21 which some have professed and thus gone astray from the <u>faith</u>. ¶ Grace be with you.
- A.) According to these verses, can THE SAME SAVING faith be wondered away from, or gone astray from?
- B.) Can someone wonder away from or go astray from faith they never had?
- C.) Can someone wonder away from or go astray from the faith that saved them and remain saved?

- 2 Tim 2:18 {men} who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset (overthrow, destroy) the faith of some.
- A.) According to this verse, can THE SAME SAVING faith be overthrown or destroyed?
- B.) If the faith that saved a Christian was overthrown or destroyed, how could such remain saved?

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- 1 Tim 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- A.) According to this verse, can THE SAME SAVING faith be denied making one worse than an unbeliever? Can anyone deny faith they never had?
- B.) Suppose these never had faith (although obviously they did, as stated). But for the sake of argument, lets say they did not have faith. They would then already be unbelievers.

In light of this, would the passage be meaningless if they were already unbelievers, as it clearly states that these "denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever?

<u>11.</u>

1 Tim 5:12 {thus} incurring condemnation (damnation), because they have set aside their previous pledge (faith).

1 Tim 5:15 for some have already turned aside to follow Satan.

A.) According to these verses, can THE SAME SAVING faith be set aside causing damnation? Could someone who set aside their previous faith not have been a Christian before they set it aside?

B.) Did some of these same Christians turn aside from the faith and follow Satan?

C.) Is it possible for someone to incur damnation and follow Satan and still make heaven?

*12.* 

Col 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour.Col 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death topresent you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

Col 1:23 if you continue in your <u>faith</u>, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. (NIV)

- A.) According to this passage, is it true that Christians WERE alienated from God and WERE enemies in their minds BECAUSE OF their evil behavior, BUT NOW are holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation, ONLY IF THEY CONTINUE in their faith established and firm, not moved away from the hope held out in the gospel?
- B.) Is this THE gospel that was heard and Paul was a minister of?
- C.) What would happen if Christians would not continue in their faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel?
- D.) Would they remain holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation?

Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the <u>faith</u>, and {saying,} "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

According to this verse, why would Paul feel the need to strengthen the souls of the disciples and encourage them to continue in THE SAME SAVING faith if there was no possibility of them not continuing in the faith?

<u>14.</u>

- 1 Tim 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the <u>faith</u>, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 1 Tim 4:2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

- A.) According to this verse, can THE SAME SAVING faith be departed from or fallen away from? B.) How can someone fall away from faith they never had?
- B.) As this passage makes reference to "doctrines of demons", can demons teach?
- C.) Could eternal security be a doctrine of demons considering it originally came through the devil in the Garden of Eden? (See: Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-6, 22-24)
- D.) If eternal security is a doctrine of demons, is anyone who teaches it doing the work of the devil?
- E.) Are these eternal security teachers lying hypocrites, seared in their own conscience?

- 1 Tim 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. (NIV)
- A.) According to this verse, does doctrine have eternal importance and consequences?
- B.) It is stated, that by watching his life and doctrine closely and persevering in them, Timothy would save himself and his hearers. What would happen to Timothy and those who heard him if he did not pay close attention to himself and his doctrine?
- C.) What will happen to YOU or ANYONE who does not watch their life and doctrine closely and does not persevere in them?

2 Tim 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these {men} also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.

According to this verse, are people rejected in regard to the faith because they OPPOSE THE TRUTH and have a depraved mind?

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