

# FAITH AND ITS WORKS CONSIDERED

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. To introduce our study we are reminded that the N.T. teaches that:
  - a. Faith itself is a work, Jno.6:28,29.
  - b. Faith without works, or faith alone, is a dead faith that will not save, Jas.2:14-24.
  - c. Saving faith is an active, working, obedient faith, Mt.7:21; Lk.6:46; Rom.1:5; 16:25,26;6:16-18; Cf. Gal.5:6; Jno.14:15,21,23,24; Heb.5:8,9.
  - d. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, Rom.10:17.
2. To develop our topic of "Faith And Its Works Considered," we shall cite examples of faithful persons, their works of faith, and the results of their works of faith, prior to Pentecost and the cross of Christ, then some examples of faithful persons and their works of faith subsequent to the cross of Christ.

### II. DISCUSSION

**(Examples of faithful persons prior to Pentecost and the cross of Christ)**

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| <b>A. PERSONS</b> | <b>THEIR WORKS</b> | <b>RESULTS</b> |
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| 1. Abel, Heb.11:4              | Offered accept. Sacrifice | God bore him witness |
| 2. Enoch, Heb.11:5             | Walked with God           | Translated           |
| 3. Noah, Heb.11:7              | Prepared an Ark           | House saved          |
| 4. Abraham, Jas.2:21-24        | Offered his son           | Justified            |
| 5. Israelites, Num.21:9        | Looked on serpent         | Healed               |
| 6. Israelites, Heb.11:29       | Passed thru Red Sea       | Delivered            |
| 7. Walls of Jericho, Heb.11:30 | Compassed 7 days          | Fell down            |
| 8. Naaman, 2Kgs.5:14           | Dipped 7 times            | Healed               |
| 9. Blind man, Jno.9:7          | Washed his eyes           | Healed               |
| 10. Prodigal son, Lk.15:20-24  | Arose, back to father     | Blessed              |

(Prior to the cross of Christ and Pentecost these examples of faith and its works reveal diverse conditions and results because of circumstances in each case and under laws differing from the present dispensation.)

(Examples subsequent to the cross of Christ and Pentecost reveal a different story –Now we have uniform conditions but the same principle relative to faith and its works.)

| <b>B. PERSONS</b>                  | <b>THEIR WORKS</b> | <b>RESULTS</b>   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Pentecostians, Ac.2             | B. R. Baptized     | R.of Sins, Added |
| 2. Jewish people, Ac.3:19          | Repented & turned  | Sins blotted out |
| 3. Samaritans, Ac.8:5-12; Mk.16:16 | Bel. & Bapt.       | Saved            |
| 4. Eunuch, Ac.8:36-39              | Bel. & Baptized    | Rejoiced         |
| 5. Saul, Ac.9; 22:16               | B. R. Bapt.        | Sins washed away |
| 6. Corinthians, Ac.18:8; 1Cor.15   | Bel. & Bapt.       | Saved            |
| 7. He (every creature) Mk.16:16    | Bel. & Bapt.       | Shall be saved   |

**(There is not one example this side of the cross of Christ and Pentecost where men were saved by faith only, or at the point of faith before and without water baptism.) Cf. 1Pet.3:21.**

**DIAGRAM OF MK.16:16**

