

We Are Saved By

FAITH

The Word *FAITH*

Used many times and with varied meanings in the scriptures.

Jude 3 – “contend for the faith” = system of

Ephesians 2:8 – “saved through faith”

Ephesians 4:5 – “one faith” = gospel

James 1:5 – “ask in faith” = no doubt

Matt 9:22 – “thy faith hath made thee whole”

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20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

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How does James use the word **FAITH**?

Mental Affirmation!

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Law; Rule; Precept; Principle

The Subjects of this Context are set in 3:27

1. A Principle [law, rule] Of Works:

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of **debt**.

Merited, earned, deserved, entitled

2. A Principle [law, rule] Of Faith:

We'll Examine the life of Abraham

James Mental Affirmation

James is not dealing with “the faith principle.”

2:19 *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

There is no inherent power in merely believing.

“thy faith hath made thee whole” – because of the faith demonstrated, Jesus was moved to accomplish the healing.

Mental Affirmation

A Principle of Faith

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I suggest that a faith principle is composed of at least three elements as found in the life of Abraham.

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1st Element

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God....

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1st Element – Belief

James 2:23 ...he was called the Friend of God

Isa 41:8; – friend = love

A Principle of Faith

1st Element – Belief

2nd Element – Love

Hebrews **11:8** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

A Principle of Faith

1st Element – Belief

2nd Element – Love

3rd Element – Obedience

A Principle of Faith

1st Belief

2nd Love

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**Example of
Abraham**

Hebrews 11:32-40

Deeds Accomplished By A Principle of Faith

subdued kingdoms
wrought righteousness
obtained promises
stopped the mouth of lions
quenched the bow of fire
escaped the sword
from weakness made strong
waxed valiant in fight
turned foreign armies

dead raised to life again
tortured, no deliverance

mockings, scourgings

imprisonment, stocks

sawn in two, cramped

slain with the sword

destitute, afflicted, tormented

wandered in deserts, *in*

mountains, *in* dens and caves

STRENGTH

Living by the Principle of Faith

We Can Be

VICTORIOUS
IN
JESUS CHRIST