

Introduction

- I. LD 7 teaches us the biblical truth of what true saving faith is.
- II. This is so important as we struggle with sin and face many sorrows and hardships in our lives. We want to understand what faith is in the struggles and hardships of life.

**True Saving Faith**

**I. Faith's Source**

A. The HC declares from Scripture that all men are not saved in Christ.

B. The HC teaches us that only believers are saved - only those who are grafted into Christ.  
1. Faith is an unmerited and undeserved gift.

2. We have faith because of God's Almighty power uniting us to Christ.

**II. Faith's Activity**

A. A certain knowledge explained this way: the ability to hold for truth all that God has revealed in His Word.

B. Faith is trust (assured confidence). Notice the emphasis on this in A. 21, especially the "to me..."

**III. Faith's Focus**

A. The beautiful object of our faith is Jesus Christ.

B. This is so important because of our sins.