

Faith that Saves Part 4

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Selected Scriptures

Romans 10:9 – [9] *because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

- In Scripture, the HEART is the CENTER of our SPIRITUAL LIFE.
 - 1 Chronicles 28:19 – [19] *And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought.*
 - Hebrews 4:12 – [12] *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The HEART is described in SCRIPTURE with the capacity to Know, Love, and Choose.

- Because the HEART consists of the MIND, the AFFECTIONS, and the WILL.

Knowing Faith

Our faith is a KNOWING FAITH.

- Tozer put it like this. To UNDERSTAND our KNOWLEDGE of GOD you should consider the TABERNACLE.

The Outer Court = GENERAL REVELATION. The Outer Court was uncovered to the weather and sun. It's where everyone entered.

- God gives this REVELATION to every single person "GENERALLY."
 - *Essentially General Revelation is the KNOWLEDGE of God that God gives to EVERYONE.*
 - God reveals GENERAL qualities about HIMSELF.
- This KNOWLEDGE of GOD is first given INTERNALLY – In your mind - your conscience testifies to the fact that there is a GOD.
- GOD gives general revelation EXTERNALLY.
 - Paul says in Romans 1:19, 20 – [19] *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. [20] For his invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived.*
 - Psalm 14:1 – [1] *The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."*
 - Stephen Charnock – "A fool is one that hath lost his wisdom, and right notion of God and divine things which were communicated to man by creation."
 - How does this happen? Paul says in Romans 1:18 – [18b] that "*...by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*"

The Holy Place (the Court of the Priests) = Special Revelation/Knowledge of the Gospel This is the LARGEST Chamber in the TENT.

- Where the Alter of Incense, the Lampstand, the Showbread were located.
- The Holy Place corresponds to Special Revelation.
- It's the REVELATION that God gives directly to man through Holy Scripture.
 - Romans 10:14 – [14] *How then will they call on him on whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

- 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4 – [3] *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received; that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*

The Holy of Holies = Experiential Knowledge of God.

- The Holy of Holies was where the Ark of the Covenant was placed.
 - And on the top of the Ark was the Mercy Seat with the two images of the Cherubim.
 - *The PRESENCE of GOD was said to be there.*
 - *And this represents the EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE of CHRIST.*
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 – [6] *For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*
 - Jonathan Edwards – “The first instance that I remember of that sort of inward, sweet delight in God and divine things that I have lived much in since, was on reading those words [1 Tim 1:17] ‘Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever, Amen.’ As I read those words, there came into my soul, and was as it were diffused through it, a sense of the glory of the Divine Being; a new sense, quite different from anything I ever experienced before. Never any words of scripture seemed to me as these words did. I thought myself, how excellent a Being that was, and how happy I should be, if I might enjoy God, and be swept up in him in heaven, and be as it were swallowed up in him forever!”

Honoring Faith

When we talk about HONORING – we mean to know and feel the weightiness of someone.

- When you have the experiential knowledge of God in the HEART,
- YOU become CONSUMED with a desire to HONOR GOD.
- Jesus puts it like this in John 5:44 – [44] *How can you believe when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes only from God.*

So this means in our EVANGELISM, we must bring people face to face with the reality of God.

- See Acts 17.
- That’s why Paul elsewhere describes faith is as “the obedience of faith.”
 - Romans 1:5 – [5] *through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations.*
 - Romans 16:26b – [26b] *according to the command of God to bring about the obedience of faith.*
- It’s that we realize who GOD is and obey His command to trust Christ.

Loving Faith

We respond in faith with our AFFECTIONS. That WE believe the GOSPEL with all of our AFFECTIONS. *Our LOVES.*

Romans 5:5b – [5b] *God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

- When you come to FAITH in CHRIST.... Just as God gives you the knowledge of HIMSELF, *He also gives you a KNOWLEDGE of HIS LOVE.*
- And He points you to the cross..... And Christ’s shed blood for you.

Romans 5:6 – [6] *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

Romans 5:8 – [8] *But God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*