

How Is Your Faith?



Not all Faith is of the Same Degree

▶ Little

▶ Matthew 6:30

▶ Great

▶ Matthew 8:10

▶ Weak

▶ 1 Corinthians 11:30

▶ Strong

▶ 2 Corinthians 12:10

▶ 2 Timothy 1:12

Faith Does Not Stay the Same

- Faith can:
 - Fail – Luke 22:32
 - Be made shipwreck of – 1 Timothy 1:19
 - Be departed from – 1 Timothy 4:1
 - Be denied – 1 Timothy 5:8
 - Be overthrown – 2 Timothy 2:18
 - Be strayed from – 1 Timothy 6:10
- A believer can become an unbeliever! – Hebrews 3:12
- On the other hand, faith can and should be increasing
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Not All Faith is of the Same Kind

- No faith
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:2
- Vain faith
 - 1 Corinthians 15:2, 14, 17
- Hypocritical/feigned
 - 2 Timothy 1:5
 - Galatians 2:4; 6:12-13
- Unstable
 - 2 Peter 3:16
 - Ephesians 4:14

Not All Faith is of the Same Kind

- Dead faith
 - James 2:26, 19
 - John 12:42-43
 - Mark 10:21-22
- Faith that works
 - James 2:24, 26
 - This is saving faith!

Saving Faith – Faith that Works

- Obeys
 - Romans 1:5, 16:26
- Works good works
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:3
 - Ephesians 2:10
- Is grounded and established in the faith
 - Colossians 1:23; 2:7

Saving Faith – Faith that Works

- Is steadfast
 - 1 Peter 5:9
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Spreads the truth of the gospel to others
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:8
- Is an example to others
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
- Is Increasing
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Ephesians 3:16-17

Faith is Weakened by...

- Spiritual malnutrition
 - Matthew 4:4
- Compromise with error
 - 2 John 9-11
- Immorality
 - 2 Peter 2:20
- Overmuch concern with the temporal cares
 - Mark 4:18-19

Strengthening Our Faith

- Through hearing the word of God
 - Jude 20-21
- Through trials
 - 1 Peter 1:3-9
- In prayer
 - Philippians 4:6-7
- In worship
 - Hebrews 10:24-25
- Focusing on the eternal
 - 2 Corinthians 4:18

How Is Your Faith?

- Is your faith little, or is it great?
- Is your faith weak, or is it strong?
- Is your faith grounded firm in the truth, or is it unstable?
- Is your faith unashamed to speak the truth of the gospel to others, or is it ashamed or embarrassed or fearful?
- Is your faith an example to others, or is it a bad influence?
- Is your faith obeying and working, or is it dead?
- Is your faith failing, or is it increasing?