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# What Faith Can Do

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WHAT FAITH CAN DO.....

INT: The MISSION of Christ on earth was 3-fold:

1. Tell the Truth. Build church. Save souls.
2. J. 18:17. Matt. 16:18. Lk. 19:10.

The SPIRIT of Christ on earth is 9-fold:

\*Gal. 5:22-26.

I. Today's lesson: Faith! What is? What it does?

A. The Definition is simple: \* Heb. 11:6.

1. Unwavering acceptance of GOD! He IS !!!
2. Diligently seeking to PLEASE HIM. SEEK!!

B. Three NT teachers explain this in detail:

1. Jesus. \* John 15:5. Faith bears much....
2. Paul.. \* Gal. 5:6.. Faith-works-love....
3. James. \* Jas. 2:17-18. Faith proved....

II. WHAT FAITH DID IN BIBLICAL TIMES:

A. \*Acts 8:4.

1. Could have gone out SILENT! Fearful!
2. Could have learned lesson! "Keep quiet!"

Bible: Faith evangelizes, preaches, tells  
the story, proclaims salvation.....

B. \*Acts 9:29-31.

**STAY ALIVE!**

1. Paul could have gone silent. Keep peace!
  2. Could have learned lesson! Unwanted. Quiet
- Paul's Faith edified (strengthened). Loud. 29

C. \*Acts 6:1-7.

*Zeeman: "He pick him up! don't."*

1. Could have tried to "cover up" the fault
2. Could have denied the obligation. Not our
3. Could have sent them to the Jerusalem  
Travelers Aid Society! Forget? J. 1:27!!

Bible: Faith cared and fulfilled their need

Note: Faith brings good results: V. 7 !!

III. WHAT FAITH NEEDS TO DO TODAY:

A. Problem: Churches plateauing and regressing in number all across U. S.

Lg. bldgs. Good preachers. Numbers declining

Ex. HAROLD HAZLIP. Highland, Memphis. 2nd largest in Tenn. At a stand-still!!!  
Not growing!! Concerned!!

Remedy? : Total mobilization of their talents. Total-involvement. Changes in programming. More CARE for members. Different APPROACH.

PLAN: Put their FAITH to WORK !!!

*Ignore!*

LOVE FOR: B. EXAMPLE: HEADS-UP FAITH AT WORK: *Grace: Col. 8:1.*  
GRACE & FAITH: (Guess the congregation !!!!!) *LOVE, WE TOO!*

1. Liberally supports a TV program. *LOST!* Evang.
2. Liberally supports missionaries in U. S. & abroad
3. Supports "Bible Call". Telephone evangelism. *LOST*
4. Have a fine Bus Ministry. Have bus barn.
5. Give special attention to needs of YOUTH!
6. Have responsible Benevolent program.
7. Family Enrichment Series (VBS) and Marriage Enrichment Seminars. (*Sounds like Midtown.*)
8. Contacts local-community door-to-door once a yr.
9. Conducts "Lamp On Program" (city-wide) contacts every 3 to 5 years. *all homes.*
10. Youth conduct at least ONE campaign each summer, called: Teens Take America.
11. Assists in 3 MAJOR evangelistic campaigns each summer. Youth & adults. (1978: Alaska, Louisiana and Colorado. 100 responses in 3 places.)
12. MEALS ON WHEELS "one of most effective and heart-warming". Shut-ins. Mon-Fri. *aged loved.*
13. Have Multi-purpose building along with bus barn.
14. Support several College Bible Chairs.
15. Conduct annual Training For Service Series.
16. Have MENS LEADERSHIP training course.
17. Have MEN & BOYS retreats to develop leadership.
18. Have WOMENS & girls retreats to train females.
19. UNITY: "No doubt a prime factor is the peace, unity and harmony that has always prevailed at the DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA cong. There has never been a split, a division or a faction that has gone off from this congregation." (P. 56. GAL-25-1979)
20. Del City's 8 elders and four ministers love each other and always work in harmony both IN FRONT of the congregation and BEHIND the scenes."

BRETHREN: this is what FAITH can do and DOES!!!!  
FAITH loves, cooperates, supports, builds, teaches, preaches, plans, improves, grows and glorifies God AND gives the Lord all the credit.

NOTE: THIS is what the LORD wants at Midtown.  
THIS is what WE want at Midtown.

INV: YOU can be a part of the Lord's great work at Midtown. Obey Mk.16. 13:3. Identify.