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# The Faith

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**INT:** Begin: Question: What comes to YOUR mind when read this sermon title??????

Can hear three answers:

- 1. Its Beautiful!! Makes world go round.
- 2. It's my LIFE! Depend on it so much.
- 3. Either: I don't have it or I don't have it enough!!! **Very good answers.**

**You interested in what enters a preacher's mind? CERTAIN SCRIPTURES!!!**

- 1. Luke 18:8. Parable of widow. "the faith"
- 2. John 8:24. Explains urgency. II C. 5:11.
- 3. John 3:16. Possibility of perishing quickens the sincere heart!!!
- 4. Mark 16:15-16. Life is reduced to FAITH or Eternal Futility.....

**I. WHAT IS FAITH?**

- A. (KJ): Substance-Evidence. (AV): Conviction-Assurance.
- B. ELTON TRUEBLOOD: "Faith is NOT belief without proof, but trust without reservations"
- C. Barclay: "Faith without practice is a contradiction in terms. And.....love without obedience is an impossibility."M.294
- D. SHIPIBO indians in Peru: "To believe on God is to be Strong on God."
- E. Piro indians, S. of Shipibos: "faith is to obey-believe." No mental assent-only word!
- F. Eugene Nida: "Faith is constant and continual dependence on God and Christ!" (P. 120. Language.)

**II. WHAT IS MY RELATIONSHIP TO "THE" FAITH.**

- A. \*JUDE 3: Amplified Version--"the sum of Christian Belief. (P. 927.) **INCLUDES:**  
**Creation acct. sal. church. worship. Mission of church. Pure life.**
- B. CONTEND: Vigorous defence. Struggle. Combat.  
**III.** 20th Cent. N.T.: "Fight in defence of the faith."

C. **FIGHT:** Christian concept="struggle."

II Tim. 4:6-8. Stood up for Jesus..

I Tim. 6:11-12. Free-for-all!!! No No No!

D. There are **RULES** in the Christian Struggle:

II Tim. 2:24-25. **NOT STRIVE !!!**

Not fight, quarrel or dispute among selves.

**MEANING:** Discuss, but do not quarrel.

Contend, but do not strive..

Disagree, but do not be disagreeable

BALANCE!

**III. THREE THINGS FAITH DOES!!! \* Rom. 10:17. Word!**

A. **PURIFIES:** \* Acts 15:6-11.

Purges the heart of ignorance, prejudice, doubt and sin. Ill. **Kenneth Lawson, Turnpike, 8-10-80.** "I resented God and His control over me. Studied, prayed & know better. Forgive!!!!

B. **WORKS:** \* Gal. 5:4-6.

Ill. **CONTRAST !** Which is right????

1. Preacher at Crane, Tex. "Bible doesn't say we **MUST** pick up children to teach.."
2. Group at MT. 8-23-80. Breakfast 8 a.m. Recruited 25 children by noon---to teach them about Jesus. Which has Faith th

C. **JUSTIFIES:** \* Romans 5:1-2, 8-10.

Means: Forgiven and pronounced righteous again

Ill. T.V. Program reached Dallas man. Searching Try ONE more group and QUIT religion. Larry started the contacts. **STANDLEY SINGLETON of Elam Rd. C of C** followed through. He's our brother now! Relieved. Grateful! Alive. Happy! (MT played a large role in sponsoring TV)

**INV: NON-CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:** You don't believe until you DO something. Thinking about **BELIEVING!** Faith-loves! Faith-Moves! Faith-Obeys. 2:38.

**DISTURBED-BROTHER:** No wonder not happy. Not busy! Faith not proving itself. Can!!! I J. 1:9 .

**VISITORS & GUESTS:** Looking for church home?

You've found it! Come share our with US!!!!

Come, place your membership with us..as sing.

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