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Redeemed #31 – Summary Part 7

1 – Saved by Grace through Faith

Let's start with a couple passages to develop a definition

Eph. 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Martin Lloyd-Jones:

“But God. These two words, in and of themselves, in a sense contain the whole Gospel.”

What is Faith?

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

New Living Translation

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

King James Bible

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Christian Standard Bible

Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

John Calvin defined faith as:

We shall now have a full definition of faith if we say that it is a firm and sure knowledge of the divine favor toward us, founded on the truth of a free promise in Christ, and revealed to our minds, and sealed on our hearts, by the Holy Spirit.” (John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, III.2.vii)

Faith is a Gift of God

Eph. 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Phil. 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

Heb. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Faith is Mysterious

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

2 - Old Testament Faith...is it the Same?

Gal. 3:6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? **7** Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed. **9** So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Heb. 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Heb. 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Heb. 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, **18** of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” **19** He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

3 - What Saving Faith is NOT

a) Faith is not just a mental act of agreeing with something or saying you believe

Matt. 13:18 “Hear then the parable of the sower: **19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. **20** As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, **21** yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. **22** As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. **23** As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

b) Faith Does Not Mean Doctrinal Precision

c) Faith is Not Faith in Faith

EX: “Something stressful and painful is about to exit your life and be replaced by something wonderful & beautiful! Claim it and receive it by faith. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Kenneth Copeland HERETICAL Quotes:

Speak God’s word over your circumstances today. Speak his words in faith and watch him move. Faith was the raw material substance that the Spirit of God used to form the universe.

Joel Osteen HERETICAL Quotes:

- Faith activates God. Fear Activates the enemy.
- You cannot let where you are today cause you to get stuck. I'm going to be my best right now. That's what faith is all about.
- God has already done everything He's going to do. The ball is now in your court. If you want success, if you want wisdom, if you want to be prosperous and healthy, you're going to have to do more than meditate and believe; you must boldly declare words of faith and victory over yourself and your family.

- When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance.

4 - The New Life of Faith

When something difficult happens...

When you fall into sin...

When our Faith is Weak