

## SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

### Lesson 3

## FOUR KINDS OF FAITH

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**Ephesians 2:8** Grace and Faith are both gifts of God, neither of which are “**of yourselves.**” But this does NOT teach or support a Calvinistic doctrine of predetermined salvation given only to a limited few as an act of God’s sovereign will (forcing a person to receive salvation by giving that person faith).

**2 Peter 2:1** We have “**OBTAINED**” (not earned) like precious faith...

### GOD HAS GIVEN FOUR TYPES OF FAITH TO THE BELIEVER

#### 1. THE MEASURE OF FAITH DEALT TO EVERY MAN (ROMANS 12:3)

Everyone demonstrates faith on a daily basis:

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| Crossing a bridge – by faith  | You believe you’ll safely make it to the other side.             |
| Sitting in a chair – by faith | You believe it will hold your weight.                            |
| Pumping Petrol – by faith     | You believe the correct amount of petrol is going into the tank. |
| Skydiving –by faith           | You believe there’s a serviceable parachute on your back.        |
| Student –by faith             | You believe the teacher is giving you facts.                     |
| Shopping –by faith            | You believe what the labels say.                                 |

God gave every person the gift of faith as a free gift. We use it every day for many things.

To be saved, we must take that gift of faith and place it in Jesus Christ, believing that He paid for your sins and He will save your soul.

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#### 2. THE GIFT OF FAITH TO SOME BELIEVERS (1 CORINTHIANS 12:9)

This is an additional measure of faith given by the Holy Spirit. It is a greater ability to trust the Lord on a daily basis. Believers with this gift are a benefit to other members of the church.

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#### 3. “THE FAITH.” ALL TRUTH REVEALED BY GOD.

This term in the Bible refers to the entire body of revealed New Testament truth, which is profitable for our edification, admonition, and living.

**ACTS 6:7** When many priest were obedient to “**the faith,**” that didn’t just mean that they got saved. They received the entire body of truth revealed by and about Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

**ACTS 13:7-8** The subject is “**the word of God,**” which the deputy desired to hear (vs. 7). In verse 8, Elymas the sorcerer tries to turn the deputy away from “**the faith.**” That’s more than just the plan of salvation. It includes everything in the category of “**the word of God;**” all truth revealed by God.

**ACTS 14:21-22** In this example, Paul and Barnabas returned to cities where there were saved disciples, and exhorted them to continue in “**the faith.**” That can’t refer to salvation. You don’t need to exhort a saved person to continue in salvation. They were exhorting them to continue in all the doctrines in the New Testament and all of the revealed truth.

**ACTS 16:4-5** The churches were established in **“the faith”** when the decrees that were ordained of the apostles were delivered to them. Churches don’t need to be established in salvation. Churches need to be established in all the truths revealed by God for the churches.

**ACTS 24:24-25** Paul spoke of **“the faith”** in Christ... **“as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come.”**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS:** What is acceptable behavior for a Christian?

**TEMPERANCE:** The Holy Spirit enabling Christians to gain control of problem areas.

**JUDGMENT:** The Bible gives definite answers about the future judgments.

All these things are included in the term **“the faith.”**

**Rom. 14:1-2** Some Christians are weak in **“the faith.”** They are saved, but are either new believers or believers who don’t know the Bible very well.

**1 COR. 16:13** Christians are exhorted to stand fast in **“the faith.”** You don’t need to stand fast in being saved. Paul is exhorting Christians not to quit concerning New Testament teachings and doctrines.

**Gal. 1:23** Paul preached **“the faith”** which once he destroyed.

**Jude 1:3** Paul exhorts believers to earnestly contend for **“the faith.”** He WAS going to write about the **“common salvation,”** but instead needed to write about **“the faith;”** the doctrines of the New Testament Church.

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#### 4. THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST: THE LORD’S FAITH

**GAL. 2:20** Christians live by **“the faith of the Son of God.”** The Lord’s faith is what keeps you saved. Your faith will fail you every day. Thank the Lord for HIS unfaithing faith!

When a storm threatened the lives of Jesus’ disciples, He said to them, **“how is it that ye have no faith?”** (Mark 4:40). They made it safely to shore by the faith of Jesus, not their own.

**EPH. 3:10-12** Believers can boldly approach the throne of God because of **“the faith of HIM.”** We’re not worthy to stand before God in our time of need. But the faith of Jesus Christ grants us access. In Jesus’ name, we can come to God.

**Rom. 3:1-3** The **“faith of God”** is always effectual; it is not dependent upon our belief. Jesus Christ has promised to save **“whosoever will.”** Whosoever won’t; they cannot nullify the Lord’s promise.

**Phil. 3:8-9** Believers have a righteousness **“which is through the faith of Christ.”**

**Titus 1:1** Paul was a servant and an apostle, according to **“the faith of God’s elect.”** Jesus Christ is **“God’s elect.”** No man on earth is **“God’s elect.”**

**Rev. 14:12** The saints keep the commandments of God, and **“the faith of Jesus.”**

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