

Scripture: Philippians 3

CoF. Art 22-23 (3)

Singing: 227:1-3 – 188:1-4 – 124:1, 2, 7, 8 – 83:1-3

You only will be saved through faith in Jesus Christ

- I. If you have such faith, know where that came from
- II. If you have such faith, recognize how it acts within you
- III. If you have such faith, rejoice in what it brings you (art 22-24)

I/II. If you have saving faith, know where it comes from and how it acts

A. The stream always has a fountain: *so saving faith always has a source* Eph 2:8

- 1. If you recognize the marks of saving faith, there is one reason: Eph. 2:10

B. What is saving (justifying) faith? (from the Westminster Catechism)

- 1. *Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought (worked) in the heart of a sinner, by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the Gospel, but receives and rests upon Christ and His righteousness, therein held forth for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.*

- 2. True faith can *assent* to Jesus while not always able to *embrace* Him

C. What is implied or described by *embracing Jesus Christ and all His merits*?

- 1. Implies the *conscious letting go of all other grounds*: Phil. 3:3-9
- 2. Implies the embracing of the whole Christ: Phil. 3:10-12
- 3. Implies the embracing of Christ for ‘better or worse’: Heb. 11:24-27
- 4. Implies the embracing of Christ for Himself: Song 5:16
- 5. Implies the embracing of Christ with all your desires: Ps. 27:8; Phil. 3:9
- 6. Implies the embracing of Christ willingly: Song of Sol. 1:2-4
- 7. Implies the embracing of Christ exclusively: Acts 4:12
- 8. Includes an appropriating of Christ: Song of Sol 2:3; 7:10

Reflection: The Gospel Door of Hope for the most Hopeless: Romans 4:5

Dear children,

Welcome to church again! In one of the Psalms you can read, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." Hopefully you also will be glad to be here. If not, make that your first prayer this evening.

1. Tonight the sermon will again be about faith. Faith means trust. You hopefully all will trust your father and mother. Why do you trust them?

2. What do you need to trust Jesus? _____

3. True or False: *Trusting Jesus makes you earn your salvation from sin.*

4. Why is the Lord Jesus Christ the *only Savior* in the world? What makes Him so special? _____

5. Jesus actually said seven times in John's Gospel words like "I am the ...". One of them is given on the coloring page. Can you think of other "I am" truths He said in John's Gospel?

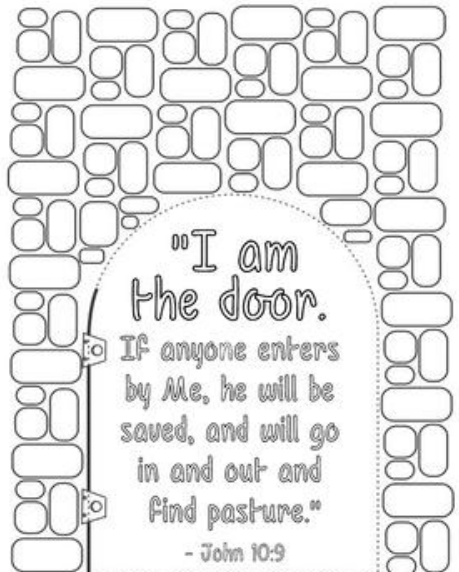
I am ... _____

6. The Lord Jesus is *prophet, priest and king*. Think about what each of these do.

● prophet _____

● priest _____

● king _____



7. Write down three things you want to pray about this week.