

Scripture: John 6:25-71

CoF: art. 22-23 (2)

Singing: 348:1-4 – 389:1, 4, 5 – 242:1-4 – 172:1-4

You only will be saved through your 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. If you have saving faith, know where it comes from

A. All natural & spiritual life comes from God: Gen. 2:7; Acts 17:25b; Eph. 2:-18

B. Why is it so important to understand and believe this *revelation*?

1. so you will be *confident* like Paul (Phil 1:6)

2. so you be careful *not to despise God's gracious work* within you (John 6:44)

II. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, recognize how it acts within you

A. Saving faith is *supernatural – mystical – mysterious* (Canons $\frac{3}{4}$, 14)

1. Any exercise of faith you do is *a result of God's working within you*

2. Don't get sidetracked by *when/how* but focus on *what is saving faith*

B. What are the acts of upright faith?

1. Saving faith always *has the same object* in all: *Christ Jesus Alone*

a. HS has one chief purpose and delight: John 16:13

b. He may need a bit of work to get you to surrender to Jesus

c. HS ways to lead you to Jesus may differ but His destination is one

2. Saving faith is known by your *soul or hearts exercises* with Jesus Christ

a. those soul exercises are *not always the same* (immature/mature)

b. observe Jesus's various descriptions of saving faith in John 6

C. Be clear: *your faith* is not saving unless ... !

1. Meditate upon picture of Leviticus 4:30

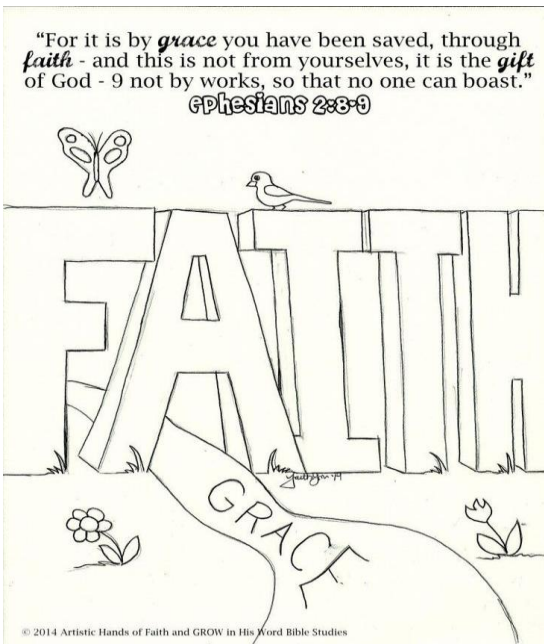
2. Observe the similarity with Jesus repeated message in John 3:15; 6:35; 52

Reflect: Seeking peace and joy in believing?

A. Avoid Thomas stubbornness (John 20:24-29)

B. Consider Abraham' faith: Romans 4:20; Heb. 11:6)

C. Make Romans 15:13 your prayer point!



Dear children,

Tonight it is about *faith* in the Lord Jesus. Use the text above the picture to answer the first questions.

1. Faith is the _____ of God.

2. When God gives faith, it is by _____.

3. No one can boast about being saved because _____.

Faith is another word for trust.

4. Who are the people in your life you trust?

5. You *trust* someone because you *know* him or her. So **why** do you trust the people in question 4? _____

6. If you have saving faith, you trust in _____ (who?).

7. True or False: *Some people have strong faith in the Lord Jesus; other people have weak faith in Him.*

8. In John 6 Jesus used different words to describe faith in Him. One is *coming to Him*. Listen to hear what other words He used in John 6 to describe faith.

9. Someone said, "Faith is like your hand." He was right. The hand does not add anything to what is given to you. The hand only receives the gift.

a. If faith is like a hand receiving a gift, what does saving faith receive?

b. What action in the Old Testament times (think temple, altar, sacrifice) pictures saving faith?

10. Write two things that you learned tonight. Share them with your parents.