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“Work of Faith”

“Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’” (John 6:29)

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

Effective Faith

James 2:14-18 – (14) “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (15) If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, (16) and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? (17) So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (18) But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

James 2:21-23 – (21) “Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? (22) You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; (23) and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness’— and he was called a friend of God.”

Key Point: The Bulk of Our Service is to Believe

For Instance, Faith & Forgiveness

Luke 17:3-6 – (3) “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, (4) and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.’ (5) The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ (6) And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.’”

Luke 17:7-10 – (7) “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table?’ (8) Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?’ (9) Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? (10) So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

Faith Rewarded

Hebrews 10:37-39 – (37) “For, ‘Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; (38) but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.’ (39) But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Have I allowed present circumstances or sin to weaken my faith?

(Rom. 4:18-20; Heb. 3:12-13)

As a Christian, do I have a seed of faith? (Rom. 12:3)