



When Faith Demands the Unreasonable

What Does Faith Require?

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Scripture Reading: Heb 11:6

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Intro.

- A. We all recognize that faith is **essential** (Heb 11:6).
- B. But what does faith require? It is a controversial subject. Why?
----1. It often requires us to do things beyond our own **r**_____.
- 2. Often there is no *logical connection* between the *blessings received* and the *action required*.
- C. Let's look at how God teaches us about what saving faith is by looking at examples both from the OT and the NT.

I. FOUR EXAMPLES WHEN FAITH DEMANDED THE UNREASONABLE.

- A. **The Fiery Serpents** (Numbers 21).
 1. What did they have to do to be healed?
 2. Believe and *look up* at the **b**_____ serpent!
- B. **The Walls of Jericho** (Joshua 6).
 1. What did they have to do to make the walls crumble?
 2. Believe and *march and blow the trumpet and s*_____!
- C. **The Blind Man** (John 9).
 1. What did the blind man have to do to receive his sight?
 2. Believe and *w*_____ in the pool.
- D. **The Plan of Salvation for all humanity** (Mk 16:16).
 1. What must we do to be saved?
 2. Believe (have faith), *repent, confess and be baptized!*

II. CONTRAST THESE CLEAR EXAMPLES WITH MODERN DOCTRINES.

- A. "**S**_____, not belief, or proper action is what matters!"
 1. Does this work with the *fiery serpents* or the *walls of Jericho*?
 2. Sincerity does not make a wrong act right, or an incomplete act complete.
- B. Beware of **d**_____ (Prov 14:12). We are not saved by "faith alone."
- C. Belief is necessary but one has to demonstrate one's belief!

Conclusion

- A. **B**_____ is God's condition of receiving Christ by faith (Jas 2:17-18).
- B. "By grace you are saved through faith" (Eph 2:8-9).
- C. Will you by faith obey His command so you can be saved by His grace?
- D. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be **s**_____" (Mk 16:16).

Notes:

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

brazen
Baptism
reason
deception
saved
wash
shout
sincerity