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for

Biblical Faith # 7

Biblical Faith

Biblical vs Non-Biblical

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4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

1. **FAITH - ITS ESSENCE**
2. **FAITH - THE FAITH**
3. **FAITH - PERSONAL**
4. **FAITH - AS A PRINCIPLE** ←

Personal **faith** = **resting** in the facts
presented by the **Holy Spirit**,

it's **believing** in the Person and Work
of our **Lord Jesus Christ**

Colossians 2:6

As ye have therefore
received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so *walk* ye in **Him.**

**7 Rooted and
built up in Him, and
established in the faith,**
as ye have been taught,
abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Here **personal faith** is
“**ye received**”, you **believed**
-- indicative, **ao**rist, active – fact

-- in the same way,
“**walk ye**”, you be **walking**
-- imperative, present, active –
process

OUR WALK BY **FAITH** (PRINCIPLE)

COL 2:6,7

I. WE **RECEIVED** CHRIST BY **FAITH**

-- IN HIS PERSON

-- IN HIS WORK

ACTIVE VOICE – YOU PARTICIPATED

(BELIEVED VIA THE HOLY SPIRIT)

JUSTIFICATION - FACT

II. SO **WALK** IN CHRIST BY **FAITH**

-- IN WHO CHRIST IS

-- IN WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

ACTIVE VOICE –

YOU KEEP ON (PRESENT TENSE)

RESTING IN CHRIST

(WHO IS YOUR LIFE)

SANCTIFICATION - PROCESS

COL 2:7

**4 participles tell what you were
taught**

indicative, aorist, passive -- fact

**1- “rooted” in Him = planted, have
been identified in Him**

perfect, passive -- position

**2- “built up” in Him = are being
edified spiritually in Him**

present, passive -- purpose

**3- “established” in the faith = are
being fixed, stabilized**

present, passive -- result

**4- “abounding” therein with
thanksgiving = overflowing**

present, active -- response

Romans 6:3

Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized** into **Jesus Christ** were baptized into **His** death?

4 Therefore we are buried with **Him** by **baptism** into death: that like as **Christ** was raised up from the dead by the glory of the **Father**, even so we also should **walk** in newness of life.

5 For if we have been **planted together** in the likeness of **His** death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of **His** resurrection:

2 Cor 3:18

But we all, with open face **beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

**We walk by the principle of faith,
God does the rest**

**Can we walk by a principle of faith,
which is non-Biblical?**

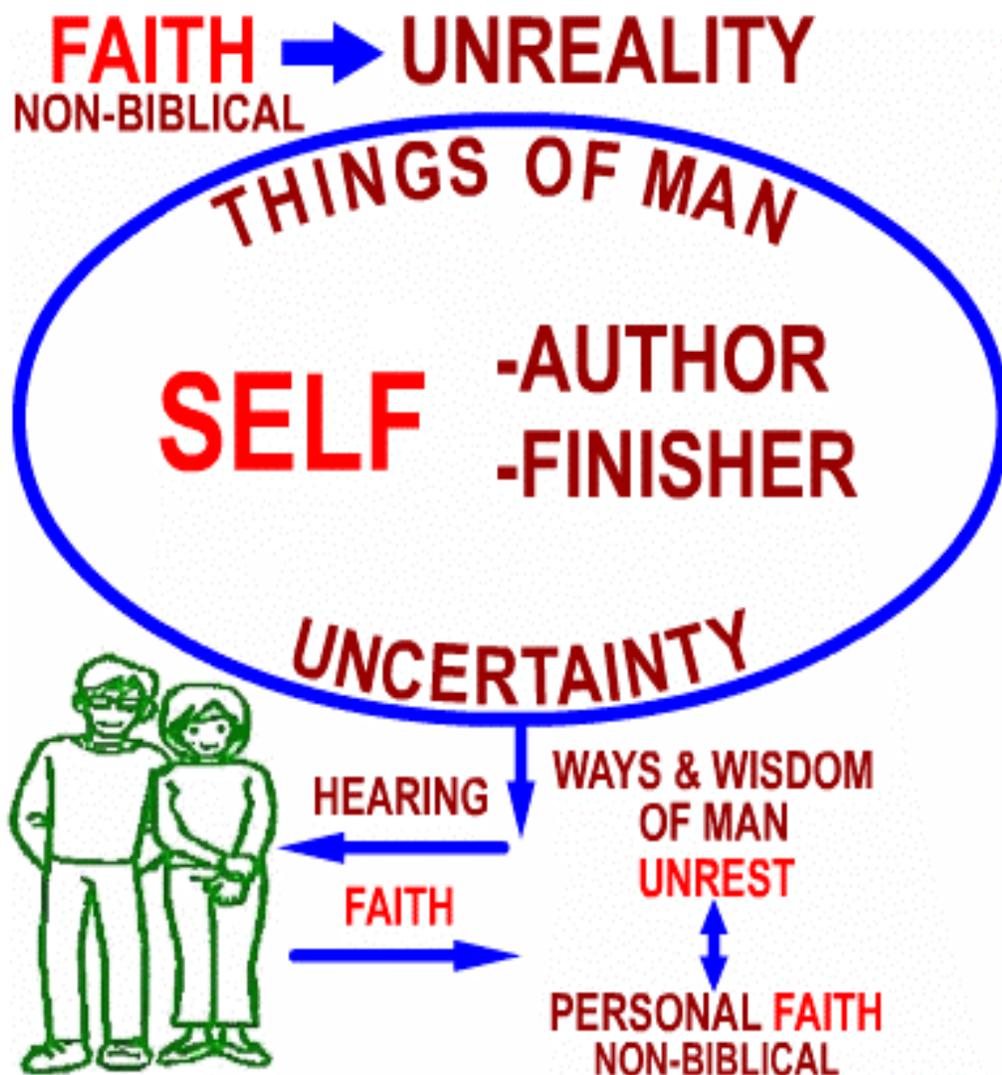
**Personal Biblical faith
versus
personal non-Biblical faith**

- QUESTION: WHAT IS PERSONAL BIBLICAL FAITH?**
- **IT IS THE SUBJECTIVE TRUST & REST IN THE OBJECTIVE TRUTH FROM THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH IS REALITY.**
 - **THE OBJECT OF THIS FAITH IS JESUS CHRIST.**



QUESTION: WHAT IS PERSONAL NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?

- IT IS THE SUBJECTIVE **TRUST** OR **FAITH** IN THE **WAYS AND WISDOM OF MAN**, WHICH IS **ASSUMED REALITY** AND IS **UNCERTAINTY**, RESULTING IN **MAN'S UNREST**.
- THE **OBJECT** OF THIS **FAITH** IS **SELF**



THINGS OF MAN

THINGS OF THE EARTH	SELF ASSURENCE
EXPECTATIONS	SELF WORTH
PERFORMANCE	SELF
AWARENESS	
HOPE	SELF
CONFIDENCE	
WISDOM	SELF CONTROL
SELF ESTEEM	SELF WORTH
SELF IMAGE	SELF RELIANCE

The **ways** and **wisdom** of man

1 Cor 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?

Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? *Is the law sin?* God forbid. Nay, I had not known **sin**, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet

The **law is not sin**, but by the law we know about **the sin nature**

8 But **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law **sin was dead**.

9 For I was **alive** without the law once: but when the commandment came, **sin** revived, and I **died**.

Paul was **living**, he was in **fellowship** with

our **Lord Jesus Christ**

Paul was **alive** but **the sin nature** used the law to kill Paul, he **died**

Death means **separation**, here it is **loss of fellowship** with **God**

**Is the Christian life imitating Christ?
NO!**

**Because imitation
turns our focus toward self**

**The sin nature is confident
it can imitate Christ's life,
and loves to be told what to do**

The Christian life is Christ

**All the acceptance there is, we have,
His acceptance**

**Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory
of His grace, wherein He hath made us
accepted in the beloved.**

Romans 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to **life, I found to be unto **death**.**

11 For **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived** me, and by it slew me ...**

14 For we know that **the law is **spiritual**: but **I am carnal**, sold under **sin**.**

We **walk in the sin nature
or in **the Spirit****

**The sin nature's control leads to
constant unrest**

**The sin nature's answer to failure is
you can do it, try harder**

**We come to see that
we do not have sufficiency**

Romans 7:24

O wretched man that I am!

**Who shall deliver me
from the body of this death**

Not what but Who shall deliver us

**25 I thank God
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
So then with the mind I myself
serve the law of God;
but with the flesh the law of sin.**

God's principle
(law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus)
is to focus our faith on Christ Jesus
alone

We walk in the Spirit by
the principle of faith in Christ Jesus
Who has set us free from the sin
nature,
to live His life in us