

# Overheads

for

## ***Biblical Faith # 10***

### ***Biblical Faith Is Personal Faith a Gift?***

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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**

### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. WHAT IS NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?**
- 2. IS FAITH A GIFT?**
- 3. IS FAITH A WORK?**
- 4. ARE FAITH AND BELIEF THE SAME?**
- 5. ARE THERE DEGREES OF FAITH?**
- 6. DOES OUR FAITH GROW OR INCREASE?**
- 7. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH & KNOWLEDGE?**
- 8. DOES GOD TEST OUR FAITH?**
- 9. DOES FAITH DETERMINE OUR WALK?**
- 10. WHAT ENERGIZES OUR FAITH?**

**Is personal faith a gift?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Romans 12:3 & 6**

**1 Corinthians 12:9**

## Is **personal faith** a gift?

**Romans 12:3**

. . . according as **God** hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith**

**Romans 12:6**

Having then (**spiritual**) **gifts** differing according to the **grace** that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us **prophecy (forth-tell)** according to the **proportion of the faith**;

**context: believers are given spiritual gifts by God**

**the measure & proportion of the faith, are for the function of our spiritual gifts**

**proportion of the faith = the objective truth from God's Word**

## **Is personal faith a gift?**

**1 Cor 12:9 . . . to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.**

**context: believers are given spiritual gifts by God**

**this gift of faith is included in a list of gifts**

**this gift of faith = the revelation of the objective truth by the Holy Spirit**

**this list of gifts were temporary gifts until the New Testament was finalized**

## **Is personal faith a gift?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by **grace** you are **saved** through **faith** and  
**that (this)** not of yourselves,  
**it is the gift of God**, not of works,  
that no man should boast.

For by **grace** are you **saved** through **faith** and  
**this is** not of yourselves,  
**it is the gift of God**, **it is** not of works  
that no man should boast.

For by **grace** are you **saved** through **faith** and  
**this faith is** not of yourselves,  
**this faith is the gift of God**,  
**this faith is** not of works  
that no man should boast.

For by **grace** are you **saved** through **faith** and  
**this salvation is** not of yourselves,  
**this salvation is the gift of God**,  
**this salvation is** not of works  
that no man should boast.

**Is personal faith a gift?**

**Is this gift of God, faith or salvation?**

**Rule: each pronoun must agree with the noun it “stands for”, in both gender and number**

**pronouns “this & it” not feminine gender  
so can not “stand for” faith**

**Faith is not the gift of God, therefore  
Salvation is the gift of God in this passage**

## Is **personal faith** a gift?

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by **grace** are you **saved** through **faith** and  
**this salvation** is not of yourselves,  
**this salvation** is the **gift of God**,  
**this salvation** is not of works  
that no man should boast.

**Conclusion:**

**Faith** is not the **gift of God** in this passage

**Correlation:**

**gift of God** is never used in NT for **personal faith**

**God's gift** = everlasting life – John 4:10-14

**God's gift** = **Holy Spirit** – Acts 2:38; 8:20; 10:45; 11:17

**God's gift** = justification(righteousness) – Rom 5:15,17-18

**God's gift** = **Jesus Christ** – 2 Cor 9:15

**God's gift** = **salvation through personal faith (resting)**

in the **Person & Work of Jesus Christ**

– Acts 16:30-31

**Observe: personal faith** is **HOW** we receive

**God's gift of salvation** – Eph 2:8-9; Acts 16:30-31

## Is **personal faith** a **gift**?

**Acts 16:25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. **26** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

**27** And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. **28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. **29** Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

**30** And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

**31** And they said, **Believe** on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.



**Is personal faith a gift? No,  
personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**Many object that man is unable to respond in  
faith to God's drawing of man to Christ**

**This is totally inconsistent with God's Word  
God makes sure every man knows God exists  
and knows God's power**

**Romans 1:19 . . . that which may be known  
of God is manifest in them; for God hath  
shewed *it* unto them. 20 For the invisible  
things of Him from the creation of the world  
are clearly seen, being understood by the  
things that are made, *even* His eternal power  
and Godhead; so that they are **without  
excuse:****

**God says in His word that every man is  
without excuse for not believing this  
knowledge of God**

**Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they  
glorified *Him* not as God, neither were thankful; but  
became vain in their imaginations, . . .**

**Is personal faith a gift? No,**

**personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**God has given every man capacity &  
responsibility to respond to God's drawing by  
personal faith**

**John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will  
draw all men unto Me.**

**1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God  
the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by  
the foolishness of preaching to save them that  
believe.**

**Salvation is totally the Work of God  
Faith is wholly the responsibility of man**

**Man does not contribute to his own salvation  
God does not contribute to man's unbelief**

**God alone must do the saving  
man must do the believing**

**Those who are saved have only God to thank  
Those who are lost have only themselves to  
blame**

**Is personal faith a gift? No,**

**personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**All men have the responsibility to believe  
It pleases God to save those who believe**

**John 3: 16 For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in  
Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn  
the world; but that the world through Him might be  
saved.**

Is **personal faith** a gift? No,

**personal faith** is **HOW** we receive  
**God's gift of salvation**

What is **personal Biblical faith**?

It is the **subjective trust** and **rest**  
in the **objective truth** from the **word of God**,  
which is **reality**, resulting in man's rest

The **object of this faith** is **Jesus Christ**

What is **personal unbiblical faith**?

It is the **subjective trust**  
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**

**Is personal faith a gift? No,**

**personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**What is personal Biblical faith?**

**It is the subjective trust and rest  
in the objective truth from the word of God,  
which is reality, resulting in man's rest**

**The object of this faith is Jesus  
Christ**

**Christ's sufficiency**

**Christ's worth**

**Christ's wisdom**

**Christ's esteem**

**Is personal faith a gift? No,  
personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**Hebrews 12:2 looking (away) unto Jesus  
the author and finisher of faith . . .  
Looking away from self unto Jesus,  
the essence of faith,  
not personal faith,  
He's the essence of faith**

**Hebrews 12:1 . . . let us lay aside every weight, and the  
sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with  
patience the race . . .**

**Colossians 1:27 . . . God would make known . . . the  
glory . . . Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

**2 Corinthians 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**

**2 Corinthians 3:3 . . . ye are manifestly declared to be  
the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with  
ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables  
of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

**Is personal faith a gift? No,**

**personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**Personal faith never thinks about that which is  
in ourselves as ground of rest.**

**Personal faith receives, it loves, it apprehends  
what the Father has revealed in His word,  
and His thoughts about the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in Whom He has His rest.**

**May Jesus Christ be our rest**