

# Romans Series

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# What is Belief? Romans 13:11

OUR WORKS  
FILTHY RAGS



CHRIST'S  
PERFECT  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
& THE CROSS



# ROMANS

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & GRACE

**Rom. 13:11, “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.**

**Rom. 13:12, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.**

**Rom. 13:13, “Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.**

**Rom. 13:14, “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”**

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**σωτηρία *sōtēria***

**nom fem sing salvation,  
“deliverance, preservation  
denote rescue and deliverance in  
the sense of averting some  
danger threatening life”**

**Heb. 9:28, “so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”**

**1 Pet. 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”**

**1 Pet. 1:9, “receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”**

# THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE**

**ONE**

**Justification**

**Positional  
Sanctification**

Saved from  
*Penalty* of Sin

**PHASE**

**Two**

**Spiritual  
Life**

**Progressive  
Sanctification**

Saved from  
*Power* of Sin

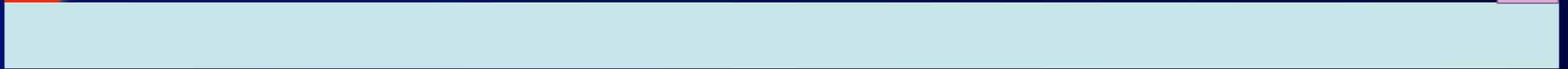
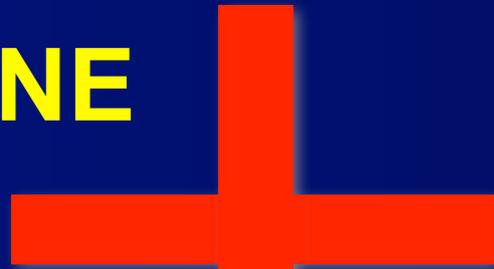
**PHASE**

**THREE**

**Glorification**

**Ultimate  
Sanctification**

Saved from  
*Presence* of Sin



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**πιστεύω *pisteuō***

**Verb aor act indic**

**1 plur “to believe, trust”**

# **FAITH: What is it?**

## **1. Introductory issues?**

**Kinds of faith? Supernatural vs. natural faith?**

**Saving faith vs. non-saving faith?**

**Head faith vs. heart faith?**

**Psa. 15:2, “He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;”**

**Psa. 49:3, “My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.”**

**Acts 8:22, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.”**

## FAITH: What is it?

**Psa. 73:21,**

**“Thus my heart was grieved,  
And I was vexed in my mind.”**

**Heart = mind**

## **FAITH: What is it?**

**1 Sam. 2:35, “Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.”**

## **FAITH: What is it?**

**Jer. 17:10, “I, the LORD, search the heart,  
I test the mind,  
Even to give every man according  
to his ways,  
According to the fruit of his doings.”**

## **FAITH: What is it?**

**Psa. 7:9, “Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.”**

## **FAITH: What is it?**

**Rev. 2:23, “I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.”**

## **FAITH: What Is it?**

**2. Different kinds of faith in the Scripture are related to the different objects of faith.**

**Rom. 1:17, “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’ ”**

## **FAITH: What is it?**

- 3. Faith is a mental activity triggered by volition. As such, faith cannot be emotion because emotion cannot respond to a command.**

**Acts 16:31, “*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.”**

**Believe is an aorist active imperative.**

## **FAITH: What is it?**

**4. Faith is always directed toward an object which *can be expressed in a proposition*. A proposition is the verbal expression of a thought which can be verified or falsified. Therefore faith is not a function of emotion but of reason. You believe with your mind only.**

**Example of a proposition: The sky is blue.**

# FAITH: What is it?

***Notitia***

**Understanding**

***Assensus***

**Assent, agreement**

***Fiducia***

**Belief**

***fides* (Latin noun) vs. *pisteuo* (Greek verb)**

***“faith”***

***vs. “believe”***

**Medieval  
duty, fulfilling  
one’s pledge;  
Loyalty to a person**

**Mental acceptance of  
something as true**

**5. Therefore, we do not believe directly in a person, or come to salvation through a relationship with Jesus, but first believe the propositions in Scripture that inform us about Jesus and His saving work on the cross.**

**This means faith is rational not irrational. Though what is believed may be irrational or rational, faith itself is not.**

**6. Therefore, faith is an activity of the mentality of the soul which is the affirmation and agreement that something is true.**

**7. Faith has no merit in itself—all the merit lies in the object of faith.**

**Ex.: It doesn't matter how much faith I have (or how sincere I am) that I have \$1,000 in my checking account if I have only \$1 I'm in trouble.**

**8. Faith as an intellectual activity excludes emotion.**

# The Basis of Knowledge

	<b>SYSTEM</b>	<b>STARTING POINT</b>	<b>METHOD</b>
<b>Autonomous Systems</b>	<b>RATIONALISM</b>	<b>Innate ideas; Faith in human ability</b>	<b>Independent use of logic &amp; reason</b>
	<b>EMPIRICISM</b>	<b>Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability</b>	<b>Independent use of logic &amp; reason</b>
	<b>MYSTICISM</b>	<b>Inner, private experience; Intuition; Faith in human ability</b>	<b>Independent; Nonlogical; Nonrational; Nonverifiable</b>
	<b>REVELATION</b>	<b>Objective; Revelation of God</b>	<b>Dependent use of logic and reason</b>
<b>Divine Viewpoint</b>			

**9. Faith is not something we do, but it is the channel by which we appropriate what God has done for us.**

**Ephesians 2:8–9,**

**“... saved by grace *through* faith.”**

**10. In Scripture, faith is divided into two types:**

**Faith directed to the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross for justification salvation.**

**Faith directed to the promises and statements of Scripture for spiritual growth and the spiritual life.**

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