

How Faith Works

THE OBEDIENCE OF THE FAITH

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7)

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but has now been
disclosed and
through the
prophetic writings
has been made
known to all
nations, according
to the command of
the eternal God, to
bring about the
obedience of faith
(Romans 16:26)

WRITINGS

OBEDIENCE

So faith
comes from
hearing, and
hearing
through the
word of
Christ.

(Rom 10:17)

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**Submit
yourselves
therefore to
God. Resist the
devil, and he
will flee from
you.**

(James 4:7)

**(for the weapons of our
warfare are not of the flesh,
but mighty before God to
the casting down of
strongholds), casting down
imaginations, and every
high thing that is exalted
against the knowledge of
God, and bringing every
thought into captivity to the
obedience of Christ;**

(2 Cor 10:4-5)

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**Although He was a son,
He learned obedience
through what He suffered.
(Hebrews 5:8)**

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Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!
(2 Cor 13:5)

Our loyalty to God is tested through our willingness to obey commands which seem foolish to us

Adam & Eve not eating from a tree that bore good fruit **Genesis 3**

Naaman dipping in the dirty Jordan river to cleanse his leprosy **2 Kings 5**

Noah building for 100 years an ark to save from rain that had never fallen

Genesis 6

The Israelites looking to a brass serpent to save them from snake venom **Num. 21**

Being baptized to wash away sin you can neither see nor examine **Acts 22:16**

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**So those who received his word
were baptized, and there were
added that day about three
thousand souls.**

(Acts 2:41)

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THOUGH GOD COULD SAVE US BY WHATEVER MEANS HE WISHES, HE HAS LIMITED HIMSELF FOR OUR BENEFIT

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Naaman could have confidence in how to remove his leprosy

The **Israelites** could have confidence in how to save themselves from the fiery serpent

Noah could have confidence that he was properly preparing in that corrupt, violent world

We can have confidence that we are in Christ as we conform and submit to God's authority