

WEEK 8: Faithfulness (*Pistis*)

Walk by the Spirit... The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:16, 22-23)

[DEFINE]

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

“Assurance” (ὑπόστασις): ὑπό (under) + στασις (to stand / put) = *to stand under*

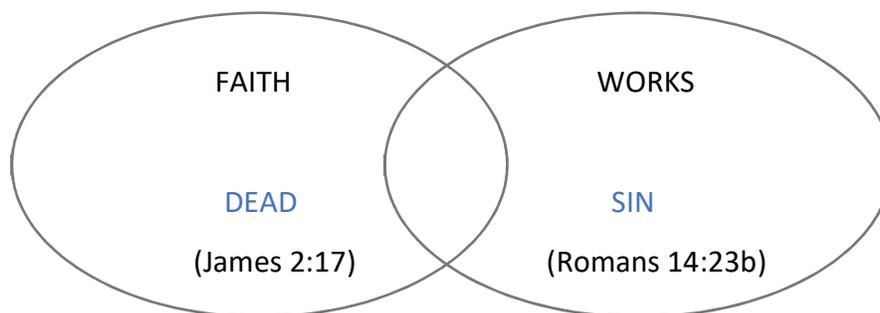
“Conviction” (ἔλεγχος): *evidence / standard of proof*

[COMPARE]

Q: How does the list given in the “Hall of Faith” of Hebrews 11 help us understand Hebrews 11:1?

[READ: James 2:18-26]

Q: How are “faith” and “works” related?



Q: How does all this impact our understanding of the gospel of Jesus?

*“Faith alone saves,
but the faith which saves
is never alone.”*
– Calvin or Luther
or somebody

[PONDER: Do I have true faith?]

“INCREASE OUR FAITH!”

[Luke 17:3-6]

TAKEAWAYS:

- Faith and works are not the same, yet faith and works also can never be separated.
- A mere profession of belief without producing any good works is dead faith, not true faith.
- We increase our faith by focusing not on ourselves, but on the object of our faith—Christ.

VERSE	PERSON	"BY FAITH (S)HE..."
Hebrews 11:4	Abel	Offered an acceptable sacrifice
11:5-6	Enoch	Was taken up
11:7	Noah	Constructed an ark
11:8-10, 11:17-19	Abraham	Obedied, went out, went to live in the land of promise, Offered up Isaac
11:11	Sarah	Conceived
11:20	Isaac	Gave future blessings on Jacob and Esau
11:21	Jacob	Blessed Joseph's sons, bowing in worship
11:22	Joseph	Mentioned the Exodus, directed his bones' burial
11:23	Moses' parents	Hid Moses three months
11:24-28	Moses	Refused to be called son of Pharaoh's daughter, chose mistreatment, Left Egypt, Kept Passover
11:29-30	Israelites	Crossed Red Sea, felled walls of Jericho
11:31	Rahab	Welcomed Israelite spies
11:32-38	Others	Conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promised, stopped lions, quenched fire, escaped swords, fought wars, endured suffering/mockery/flogging/chains/prison/stoning/death