



Section 3: Concerning Man (Cont.)

Question 8: How is a man's faith unto salvation expressed?

Answer 8: A man expresses his faith unto salvation by being obedient to the Gospel.

Memory Verse: **Mark 1:15**

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Support Verses: **John 3:3**

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Act 20:21

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Discussion:

1. A foundation for faith.

- Salvation is of God!
- That is an essential truth that was established last lesson through the scriptures.
- He establishes and directs every aspect of the new birth.
- Therefore, it is God that establishes the means, and makes provision unto the ends.
- The provision is the object of our faith unto salvation... The Lord Jesus Christ.
- The means is our faith... The ability to be obedient to the demands of the Gospel.

2. What is the origin of our faith?

- Lest we think that faith is the work of man, let us be clear that it is a gift from God.
- Consider Paul's instruction to the Roman Christians regarding the gift of faith. (Romans 12:3)
- So the ability to respond to the demands of the Gospel is a God given ability.
- Therefore, the work of faith is our ability respond to God.



3. What are the demands of the Gospel?

- The demands of the Gospel are “repent... and believe.”
- Paul made it clear that the message was the same to both Jews and Gentiles. (Acts 20:21)
- Therefore, we can conclude that obedience to the Gospel is an act of faith that is demonstrated by repentance and belief.
- There are some who object to this idea of “obedience” to the Gospel.
- They struggle with the terminology, knowing that salvation is “not of works.”
- However, the Bible makes it very clear that the works that cannot save are the “works...which we have done.” (Titus 3:5)
- And also the work that cannot save is “of yourselves.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- But “faith” is a God given ability to exercise trust in Him. (John 1:12-13)
- The Bible likens this act of faith as obedience to the Gospel.
- Faith is a response to the calling of God to salvation which is to repent... and believe.”
- The result or product is being “born again.”
- Another Biblical description of this work is described as the “end of your faith.” (1 Peter 1:9)
- Clearly directing our attention to that which our faith produces... “the salvation of our soul.”
- It is at this moment of the new birth that man is regenerated, given new life, eternal life.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- “For God So Loved The World” (Hymn #112 - Rejoice Hymns)
- “My Faith Has Found A Resting Place” (Hymn #389 - Rejoice Hymns)