

## What is Faith?

Jesus Christ, I believe in you and accept you as my personal Saviour. Please forgive all my sins, please enter my heart and be my Saviour. Give me your Life and Holy Spirit. I entrust you with all my life. Thank you for saving me, pray in our Lord Jesus Name, Amen.

If you accept the Lord, congratulation! Jesus is now your Saviour, you can pray to him every day. Tell Him every thing and enjoy His Presence. Listen to what He said to all those who believe in Him, "Your faith has saved you, go in peace!" Yes, how blessed it is to have Jesus in our lives! How blessed it is to have peace in our hearts!

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Lots of people take believing Jesus Christ as a kind of opium-smoking supporting them to evade from the reality of life. This is wrong! Such kind of "faith" cannot give us help. Jesus Christ is God's only Begotten Son. All things is created by Him. Salvation of mankind is from him, not from any of the hand-made idols. Not only the Bible has revealed this Truth, even the human history witnesses this as well, for example, our calendar starts A.D. to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. Nowadays the sign Red Cross is originated from Jesus who died on the cross for the sins of men, and He bears God's righteous judgment to save us from God's Wrath. He gives us everlasting life. All believers in the past generations can be the witnesses of Jesus Christ.

God's Great Love moves man to accept Jesus Christ. He never forces men to believe in Jesus. On the contrary, no matter how hard-hearted a man can be, God still loves him and tries to soften his heart by His Love. When a man accepts Jesus Christ, there is no regulation or rule to control him. He is a free man. Many who believe in Jesus Christ could easily run away from Him and disbelieve Him, but the fact tells us a lot of people after accepting Jesus keep on believing Him earnestly, even if they get to be persecuted for their faith or at great loss. They do not complain for all their sufferings. Where does this strength come from? It comes from the Lord who gives us Eternal Life. There is a saying, "True gold can stand extreme heat." Jesus Christ is like true gold, human history has proved that He is the Trustful and reliable Saviour!

### **Living and Faith**

People might say faith is "idealistic". Wrong! Believing in Jesus definitely is not idealistic, but realistic. It is the undeniable experience of thousands of believers. If you think believing in Jesus is idealistic, you are wrong! In fact, in our daily life, we live through faith. Take a look at the food we eat every day. If you wait till you know the component of the food you intake, e.g. how much starch, vitamin and carbohydrates, then you will die of starvation! You eat rice every day because you believe it is good for you and can keep you alive. Anyway, a lot of people do not understand the working of the TV but because they believe, they turn on the TV and watch the programmes.

There are lots of happenings in our daily life we do not understand, but we believe it through faith, e.g. a brown-colored cow eats grass which is green and yet they produce white milk. When we drink this white milk, we grow black hair. We don't understand why this is so but we drink milk just the same. The God Who Created the heavens and earth sent His Beloved Son to the world, who believes in Him would have life. This way of salvation we do not really understand, but this grace is given to us freely. There are many in the past generations have enjoyed this gift, and you also can have this grace too!

### **The Meaning of Faith**

How can Jesus be your Saviour? The only way is to believe in Him. What does believing in Jesus mean?

First, understand, then believe. If you do not understand what you believe, then it is superstitious. When you

understand what you believe, that is true faith. Now you hear the gospel, God let you understand Jesus Christ is the Saviour, He is the Need of our life, and everybody who believes in Him will have forgiveness of sin and everlasting life from God, then you believe!

Second, accept. After you believe the good news, you must accept! Only believing and not accepting is not enough. Suppose you have a glass of water and somebody proves it is the best mineral water good for our health. If we all believe but not accept it and drink it, then this glass of water is no good to anyone, because they have not drunk it. Equally if you only believe in Jesus Christ but have not yet opened your mouth and prayed to Him, you have not yet accepted Him as your Saviour. It is written in the Bible, "As many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12) Believing His Name is receiving Him into your heart.

Let me tell you a story. Many years ago the Niagara Fall between America and Canada used to have a wire-walker. He faced audience from both banks while wire-walking. He gained lots of applause. Later he went to one of the audience and said, "Do you believe I can carry you on my back and walk the wire?" The man said, "I believe you but I won't let you do it." Later he found one person who really believed him and let him carry him across. This story helps us to understand the meaning of faith. This is how we should accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour. You believe in Him, give yourself to Him and enjoy Him. Please put all your burdens on His Shoulders and entrust your life to Him. If you have not yet accepted Him, please pray according to this prayer: