

The Word of Faith

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Romans 10:1-13

I. Saved - Sozo

- A. To save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, to be well, to be or make whole. Keep safe and sound. To rescue and restore.
- B. Comparing to Duet. 30:11-14
 - 1. The law was given so that they were without excuse. It was revealed and documented to hold them accountable for their response to God's covenant.
 - a) Paul is comparing the new covenant, the covenant of faith rather than works, to the old covenant. It's right here in plain sight.
 - (1) All you have to do is believe in your heart and confess with your mouth and you WILL be SOZO.
 - 2. The word of faith which we preach is Sozo!
- C. Living the sozo life is living a REAL faith life.
 - 1. Hebrews 11:1-6 - It's impossible to please God without faith.
 - 2. It pleases God to see His children living in what He paid for.
 - a) It takes a genuine walk of faith to be experiencing what God has provided for us...Sozo.

II. Unfeigned Faith

- A. Faith isn't complicated, but it must be genuine to produce good fruit.
 - 1. Genuine faith is simply beliefs that are acted on.
 - 2. Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth (Romans 10:9).
 - 3. Faith without works is dead (James 2:17).
- B. 1 Timothy 1:1-5
 - 1. If there is unfeigned faith then there must be feigned faith.
 - a) Feign = to give a false appearance of; to assert as if true (pretend)
- C. Real Faith Endures
 - 1. Romans 4:13-25
 - a) Abraham had real faith that produced real results.
 - b) We need a real faith the can endure real life issues. A faith that can get us to Sozo inspire of life's difficulties.
 - (1) Real faith doesn't pretend that obstacles don't exist.
 - (2) Verse 20 - "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief..."
 - (a) This does not mean that unbelief wasn't present! It just means that he didn't let it cause him to disbelieve God.
 - (3) There is no need for faith when there are no obstacles.
 - (a) Romans 8:24-25
 - (b) 2 Corin. 4:18 - "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen..."

- i) 2 Corin. 5:7 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
- 2. Anchored in God's unfailing Word
 - a) Matt. 24:35 - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
 - b) Isaiah 40:8 - "The grass withered, the flower faded: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."
 - c) Hebrews 6:18 - "...in which it was impossible for God to lie..."
- 3. Real faith comes from a real relationship with God - Gen.18:16-26
 - a) Abraham and The LORD had an ongoing relationship. They knew each other.
 - b) Real faith is not hypocritical
 - (1) When our faith is real and its our active obedience to God, there is no need to put on a pretend (hypocritical) faith.
 - (2) Don't just pretend to know The LORD.
 - (a) Just a few minutes with Him will bear ten times the fruit than a lifetime of pretending.
 - (b) When you truly know Him, your faith is anchored in God and His word and not in other people's opinions. You're free to live for God and no one else.