

## 104.19. FAITH OF OR IN CHRIST

The Lord asked Satan, where have you been? Satan said, going to & fro in the earth & walking up & down it, which denotes ownership, Job 2:2. Satan admits that he is active on Earth, which is why 1 Peter 5:8 says, be sober & vigilant; as the enemy, is as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking those he may devour, which yes, does include you & me & which yes he is very capable of, when we don't stand on the tested truths of God, together.

The Bible says believe on the Lord Jesus Christ & you will be saved, John 1:12. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the Faith of Christ, Gal. 2:16 KJV. I will note here the King James Bible & earlier bibles, states "the Faith of Christ", being the faithfulness of Christ, centered within us, whereas newer bible translations have replaced this with "faith in Christ", which is more man centered, by thinking the works of our faith, put in Christ, is enough for Grace.

The faith to believe is not born of us & which would in effect be an effort, or works, on our part, but this faith is a gift from God, who dealt a measure of His faithfulness to each of us, through Christ's faithfulness to His purpose. If God dealt this faith out, then how is it that we should attribute it, as our faith? As anything of ours alone would never be sufficient for Holiness. For by grace are we saved, through faith, not of ourselves, but as a gift of God, Eph. 2:8-10.

So, we are justified by faith, from God, which is made possible due to & through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Some don't like to admit that before we were drawn to God, we were spiritually dead, as God said, there is none that seek after me, Romans 3:11. God looked down from

heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that understood, that did seek God & they had all turned away, Psalm 53:2.

So how could any have faith in Christ, apart from it being given by God, through the Faithfulness of Christ towards Him? For if none seeks after Him, then human faith is not used to find God. It is only by the work of the Spirit, which is the Faith of Christ, in us, that we are justified in God's sight. Not by our faith in Him, but by the faith of Him, so that when we come to understand true Grace, it is then, that we discern that every aspect of our calling, drawing & salvation is through what God has done, Galatians 2:20. I am crucified with Christ, but I live; yet not I, but Christ who lives within me & the life which I live, I live by the faithfulness of Christ, who loved me & gave Himself for me.

So we live life, not by our faith, but due to His. Our work is because of His work, of unwavering faith, not ours, as ours does waver. So the righteousness of God, unto us, is by the true Faith of Jesus Christ & is a perfect faith, which provides for a perfect salvation & is the perfect faithfulness of Christ.

We come to God in simple belief & He completes our faith, with His perfect Faith, so that we cannot be lost, by losing faith, as it is His faith, not ours, Romans 3:22, so it is not ours to lose.

When we get saved, we trade our rags of sin for the robes of Christ's righteousness. When God the Father sees us, He sees us through the blood of His Son. We will never stand before God in our own righteousness, Philippians 3:9. We are only complete in Christ alone, Col. 2:10.

Woe unto you, who pay tithe & have omitted other matters of the law; judgment, mercy & faith, these you should have done, Matt. 23:23. How were Old Testament people commanded to have faith, if it's not a work of the law. God is telling them that faith is a work that they should have done, as commanded of God, to have faith. 1 Timothy 6:12 says, Fight the good fight of faith, how do we fight, if not by effort? Is this fight not a work of faith? Faith is an action & to say faith requires effort, is to say we're justified by our works, Romans 3:28;

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace, Romans 5:1.

Through His Faith. Jesus was asked, what shall we do to do the works of God. He said, the work is that you believe on Me, John 6:28-29. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Galatians 5:22. These are the fruits, or works of the Spirit. They are the results of God working in us. Faith is a fruit that will show up in our lives because of the Spirit & is the substance of things hoped for, so works brings it about.

Remember, truth is truth, because it's true; not because it's popular or what we want to hear; to tickle our ears, or have accepted & believed, as it sounds nice; as beliefs can be unproven thoughts, which were taught, heard & believed? Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, 2Tim. 2:15, as we know that the truth will set us free, John 8:32, even from religious deception; but only when we hear it, seek it, study it, prove it & embrace it.

Now is the time to prove all truth, crucifying all false beliefs that bring selective vision & willful ignorance, against the truth. It is also the time for repentance for any false beliefs, that we may have learned, or taught without testing them first.

Now as we are saved through the Faith of Christ, we remain in the family of God through our faith in Christ; For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, Galatians 3:26, so yes we must maintain faith in the Christ, as well as give Him praise for His faithfulness, which has become the power that guides us, through the faith of Christ, unto our Father.