

Do I Have Saving Faith?

John 3:1-18

Saving Faith is:

1. More than Belief in a body of truth.

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?" —John 3:9-10

Nicodemus was a Pharisee

Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as teacher (Rabbi)

Head knowledge alone will not save you.

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder." —James 2:19

Saving Faith is:

2. More than Trusting God for Gifts and benefits.

"No one could perform miracles." —John 3:2

Saving Faith is not trusting God to make you well.

Saving Faith is not trusting God to pay your bills.

Saving Faith is not trusting God to give you groceries.

"Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill... Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." —John 6:26-29

3. Saving Faith Requires a **Decision**.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” —John 3:16

Whoever...

4. Saving Faith involves your **whole** life.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” —Mark 12:30

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” —Jeremiah 29:11-14

Trusting Christ alone for salvation is saving faith.

No decision is a choice.

5. Saving Faith is **Personal** and **Spiritual**

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.” —John 6:44

Birth is personal

God’s Holy Spirit is drawing you right now.

6. Saving Faith is the **Gift** of God.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” —Romans 6:23

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” —Philippians 2:13