

SAVING FAITH
Text: Ephesians 2:8-9

INTRO: In the denomination in which I grew up, it is common to hear talk about salvation by faith only. But there are a few passages like James 2:19 that give that doctrine a hard time. So, one some people make a distinction between “saving faith” and some other kind of faith, yet we also hear that “one faith is as good as another,” etc.

Are there different kinds of saving faith? Perhaps it depends on what one is trying to save.

I. MANY OF THE CHIEF RULERS HAD A FACE-SAVING FAITH, John 12:42; 9:18-22

Matt. 10:32-33; Mark 8:38

II. ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA HAD A MONEY-SAVING FAITH.
Acts 5:1-11.

Rich young ruler, Matt. 19:16-22

III. THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING HAVE A TIME-SAVING FAITH. “only day I have...”

Heb. 10:25

IV. SOME EARLY DISCIPLES HAD A LIFE-SAVING FAITH.
Matt. 10:28; Rev. 2:10

V. MANY BELIEVERS HAVE A WORK-SAVING FAITH.
“don’t want to earn it.” --Don’t worry about it.

VI. THERE IS ONLY ONE SOUL-SAVING FAITH.
A. It comes by hearing God’s word, Rom. 10:17
B. It must be obeyed, Acts 6:7; MK 16:15-16
C. It is a faith that works through love, Gal. 5:6

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