

**Title: Must-Have Items for a Valid Faith
Philippians 2:12-13**

Introduction

Biblical faith is having confidence and trust in God's ability, power, skill, and promises as He is revealed in Scripture. This New Testament faith or belief is a reliance (a belief and confidence) on the work and grace of God's plan.

Biblical faith includes all phases of salvation and sanctification, past, present, and future! It includes deliverance from sin's penalty, sin's power, and even sin's presence as we continue to walk in the Spirit.

1. Faith is not doing something; it is _____ something.
2. _____ is a gift we receive by faith.
3. People of faith can _____ their spiritual inability and helplessness to merit God's salvation.
4. Faith in God abandons any _____ you might have in yourself.
5. When you recognize your helplessness and realize Christ's sufficiency, you can rest in God's complete and _____ work.
6. If your faith is by _____, it is no longer by works; otherwise, _____ would no longer be _____.
7. Biblical faith _____ what God, in His power and grace, is doing for, in, and through the one who believes in God.
8. All the praise for any work our faith produces belongs to _____.

9. Faith joins the power and wisdom of God with your voice and your hands so the _____ message can go forth and do its work.
10. Biblical knowledge helps our faith _____ on the right object.
11. Faith in the _____ thing is worse than no faith at all.

I. Faith Must Be Able To Save

12. Faith brings the _____ of God into the life of the believer.
13. He does this through the _____, who comes to indwell us at the moment of our salvation.
14. The Galatians began with faith in Christ, but because of the pressure of _____, they returned to the realm of human achievement.
15. In Chapter 4, Paul says that only one is the lawgiver and _____ the one who can save or destroy.

II. Faith Must Be Available To Save

16. God does not want us to _____; he wants to save us.
17. Christ is the one who died for our sins and rose again from the dead and now _____ at the right hand of God, making intercession for us.
18. It's important that you do not _____ the importance of faith in your life.
19. We have created a natural spirit of independence and an _____ of self-sufficiency.
20. God does not want you to be _____ by your circumstances.

21. God's plan of salvation provides us with a faith that is available to save us from losing _____ and giving up.

III. Faith Must Be Willing To Save

22. Jesus came to fulfill what God has _____.

23. Now, all it takes is to _____ that Jesus is the sacrificial lamb provided by God to take away the sins of the world.

24. Christ's _____ for you means the faith of God is willing to save you and give you eternal life.

25. Scripture clearly reveals that God loves _____ people, which is why He sent His Son to die for the sins of the whole world.

26. The faith of God is willing to save anyone and _____.

27. Even though God has chosen to save everyone, he has given us a _____ too.

28. Not everyone will _____ God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

29. Saving faith does not operate in a _____.

30. For faith to be effective, it must have a valid object which includes the right _____.

31. Jesus reduced all of Scripture to two great commands: _____ God and _____ one's neighbor as himself.

32. The Holy Spirit never contradicts the Word which He Himself _____.

33. Faith must be _____.

You must personally know and believe the principles and promises of God's Word if you want to experience true spiritual changes in your life. With faith in Christ and in the promises of God's Word, we are well-equipped to experience every provision and aspect of God's plan of salvation.

Answers

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| 1. receiving | 12. power | 23. accept |
| 2. Salvation | 13. Spirit | 24. sacrifice |
| 3. admit | 14. legalists | 25. all |
| 4. confidence | 15. judge | 26. everyone |
| 5. finished | 16. fail | 27. choice |
| 6. grace | 17. sits | 28. choose |
| 7. demonstrates | 18. underestimate | 29. vacuum |
| 8. God | 19. illusion | 30. content |
| 9. gospel | 20. overwhelmed | 31. loving |
| 10. focus | 21. hope | 32. inspired |
| 11. wrong | 22. willed | 33. personal |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Why is it important to have faith in someone that is able to save? What people or things do people have faith in that isn't able to save? How does it affect their lives?
2. Do you ever stop to think that Jesus Christ is praying for you? What specifically do you think Jesus Christ is praying about for you right now?
3. Have you ever felt unworthy of God's salvation? Why? How does it feel to know God is willing and desires to save everyone - especially YOU?