

FAITH

Acts 3:1-26

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(Heb 11:1 NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Point : 1

We are saved through faith.

Repent!

(Acts 3:19-20 ESV) Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

Peter preached...

- He attributes the miracle they just witnessed to Jesus
- He gave personal witness of Jesus' resurrection
- He pointed out that this was the same Jesus they had just hung on the cross
- He gives Old Testament Prophecy that predicted the messiah must suffer

Faith and Salvation

(Eph 2:8-9 ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Point : 2

God requires us to have faith.

Faith is required

(Heb 11:6 ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

A little Faith

(Mat 17:20 ESV) He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Those of little faith...

- The Crowds: *(Mat 6:30 NIV)*
- The disciples as He was asleep in the boat: *(Mat 8:26)*
- Peter as he walked on water: *(Mat 14:31)*
- The disciples as argued about forgetting bread: *(Mat 16:8)*

Help me in my unbelief

(Mark 9:24 ESV) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

Point : 3

Faith can grow.

Miracles

(Acts 5:12 ESV) Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

Peters shadow...

(Acts 5:15 NIV) so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

Abraham's steps of faith...

(Rom 4:12 ESV) and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

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Abrahams steps of faith...

- God calls Abraham and he goes: (*Gen 12:1-4*)
- God promise's offspring to Abraham: (*Gen 12:7*)
- Abraham doesn't trust God & lies: (*Gen 12:11-13*)
- God promise's Canaan and offspring to Abram: (*Gen 13:14-16*)
- God promise a son to Abraham and he believes God: (*Gen 15:4*)
- Abraham doesn't trust God again: (*Gen 16:2*)
- God Promises Abram a son through Sarah (*Gen 17:19*)
- Abraham doesn't trust God & lies again: (*Gen 20:2*)
- A Son is Born (*Gen 21:1-3*)
- Abraham trusts God with His Son (*Gen 22:2*)

Point : 4

Faith is needed for miracles .

Secret things...

(Deu 29:29 ESV) "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

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God is “Other”

(Isa 55:8 ESV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

Freely give...

(Mat 10:7-8 NIV) As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Been with Jesus...

(Acts 4:13 ESV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Point : 5

Faith needs to be lived out .

Fulfill every good work...

(2 Th 1:11-12 ESV) To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION