

# Faith

Foundational Doctrines

# Faith Defined

- To be trustworthy, reliable – 2 Tim. 2:2; Rev. 2:10
- To have strong conviction or trust, particularly in God – Heb. 11:6; Jn. 3:16
  - **Vine's** (1) a firm conviction, producing a full acknowledgement of God's revelation or truth (2) a personal surrender to Him; (3) a conduct inspired by such surrender" (p. 222).
  - **Thayer's** – used especially of the faith by which a man embraces Jesus, i.e., a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah—the divinely appointed author of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God, conjoined with obedience to Christ" (p. 511)
- The above definitions are proven by the faith that does not save – Jn. 12:42-43; Rom. 10:9-10

# Why Salvation by Faith?

- Faith is a part of who we are designed to be.
- God calls us to be saved by faith/trust in another because faith in self is *futile* – Rom. 3:8, 23; 6:23
- God has made faith in another leading to our salvation a reality!
  - That **sinner**s who deserve condemnation can trust in the work of someone else, Jesus, to be saved is amazing!
  - The most holy God, the Creator, whom we have rebelled against, has provided a Messiah, a Savior – Titus 3:3-7
  - By faith God justifies sinners – Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 1:3,7; Col. 1:13-14

# What is Saving Faith?

- Saving faith is **faith + action/obedience** – Jas. 2:14-17
- For faith to result in justification, it must be perfected, or **made complete** – Jas. 2:20-24; Heb. 11:17-19; Gen. 22:10-12; Jas. 2:24, 26
- Faith only saves after it has produced action – Heb. 11:30; Josh. 6:1-2