

Three Types of Faith

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Mark 1:14–15; Mark 4; Mark 13:11; Acts 1; Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7

Summer of Faith

Acts 1:4–8 (NASB95)

4Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, *“Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me;*

5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

7He said to them, *“It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;*

8but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

- Some worshipped and some were doubtful.
- Jesus does not argue with your doubt, He speaks to your destiny.
- Some worshipped him. Some don't.
- Right next to each other, encounter and rejection. There is Jesus waiting for you to welcome him in.
- What was the destiny he was prophesying?

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- That's a promise from Jesus.
- Its an unfolding promise.

Acts 1:8 **but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."**

- Its also a conditional promise
- There were going to have to go to their appointed place of encounter.
- Their personal encounter needed to mature into a personal mission.
- They couldn't stay on the mountain with Jesus.
- Nobody on the mountain needed power for the mountain.
- Real power is displayed where it has the greatest need.
- Jesus modeled this by coming to earth and conquering every principality and power.
- Through every struggle he knew there was a crown waiting him.
- Jesus had faith in action and that's what He expects disciples to display

Faith is active

- Nowhere in the Bible are there people who just believe in their hearts that Jesus is Lord.
- They are obedient to Jesus
- Followers of the Way
- They have received Holy Spirit and they follow His leading
- As disciples we have the ability to do anything God has told us to do.

Three types of faith in the New Testament

Believing faith

Mark 1:14–15 (NASB95)

14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and **believe** in the gospel.”

- Present active imperative form of Pistas - Faith. Believe is the Greek word Pistas
- The prophet was telling them to turn from their sin and return to God
- Jesus was telling them to abandon their way of life and trust Him for a new one.
- In the Old Testament, the prophet would say to repent of their sin and do what is right.
- Not what Jesus says here.
- This was not something you could do on your own.
- For Mark For Mark, though, Faith means more than simply believing in the good news of the kingdom of God; it also implies baptizing yourself into this good news, and living your life from it.
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2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB95)

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight—

- As a verb faith means “I believe” But as an adjective it means faithful.
- I have believing faith when I received Jesus as Lord.
- There is one way to Father and that is through the son.

- That's not the end of the journey. We would end it there.
- This matures into trusting faith.

Trusting Faith

- For Paul, faith as a response of trust is the default meaning.
- This is the kind of faith that starts to stretch us.
- Mark 4 there is a story gave the disciples a word that they would all go to the other side of the sea of Galilee.
- A storm came and the boat was filling with water.
- Mark 4:39–40 (NASB95)
- 39And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.
- 40And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? How is it that you have no faith?"
- He's not talking about saving faith. They weren't saved yet.
- This is trusting faith.
- This is faith that takes place in your will, in your heart.
- This faith is contrasted with fear.
- God wants you to have faith.

Romans 1:17 (NASB95)

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

- With wars, financial issues, the pressures of south florida.
- Retirement, kids through college, God is telling us to trust him.
- Not just in the outcome, but in the this new way of life that comes from believing faith.
- God's plan.

- We have a blessing we say God's plan.
- But in the hard times can you say God's plan.

God is going to trouble the things that trouble you.

- Jeremiah, Chaldeans after 70 years they are going to be punished.

Obeying faith

- Faith without works is dead
- For Paul, this faith is really faithfulness.
- It's like a muscle that you build through years of diligently following Jesus.
- This is when Jesus
- Live the way Jesus has called us to live.
- Loving people enough to share our believing faith.
- This is faith in action.
- We live our faith
- In the bible there is no such thing as a believer who is not a disciple.
- A disciple actively follows the teaching of their master.
- Jesus has given us clear command.
- We gather
- We spend time with God so we can hear his clear instructions
- We pray and we obey.

Acts 1:

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Receive the Holy Spirit

- Disciples are witnesses.
- Mark 13:11 (NASB95)
- 11“*When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Holy Spirit.*

What does God want me to believe?

Where does God want me to trust?

How does God want me to obey?