

Saving Faith

The Mustard Seed

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Is there a difference in having faith & having "saving faith"?

As a New Testament Christian, my answer would be yes. So, what is the difference? Let's look at a few scriptures talking about faith. "For without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is the rewarder of those that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6). In any instance, if I want something bad enough, I will go to great lengths to obtain it. An example could be that I want to get an A on a big test. If I truly want the grade, I will study hard and long enough that I know the material inside and out. The same can be said about saving faith. If my faith is strong enough to be considered saving faith, I will have purposed in my heart to submit to God's will with all aspects of my life. We know we can't physically see God on earth like I see the moon, or the stars, or anything else that I can physically see. But, in believing what the bible says, I have faith that God exists and is waiting for me in Heaven. He is also waiting for you.

"And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you'" (Matt: 17:20). Have you ever held a mustard seed? I haven't but I have seen a

picture. It compares in size to a small piece of rice. Could you imagine, based on this passage, that if we have even this amount of faith, it would be enough to move a mountain? And, can you imagine, that it just grows from there? Imagine what this kind of faith is capable of when has grown to the size of a large tree. That is the kind of faith that is capable of giving us eternal life!! That kind of faith that is capable of letting us live with God forever!! To me, that is hard to fathom.

Think about the power of a big rig. If you had hundreds of big rigs together, it still would not be enough power to move a mountain, yet if your faith was as big as this small mustard seed, it would be enough to move a mountain. The almighty God in Heaven gives us this power. He is capable of it because He created the mountain anyway. He wants us all to be with Him in Heaven. How do we obtain a saving faith? We just need to dig in to His word and let it change us. Let it change the way we talk, where we go, who we're with, and what we want. It will change our lives. "The Lord is not slow about His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). The Lord is patiently waiting for all of us to dig in and develop that saving faith. Let us help you get started. ■



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