



# Faith Talk

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## Faith

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What is faith? The Bible says in Hebrews 11:1, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." The Heidelberg Catechism speaks about faith as being a sure knowledge and a firm confidence (Lords Day 7).

We believe in someone or something when we find the subject of our trust worthy of it. The one in whom we trust must have the ability and the power to rescue us. Faith is when we have the conviction that something is true. Some say that faith itself is more important than the thing in which we believe. But, faith based on something false is meaningless. We need truth. Without truth and trust there is chaos.

Jesus said about himself, "I am the way the truth and the life (John 14:16). The miracles he performed proved his affirmation about himself. Even his adversaries had to acknowledge his miracles and were never able to prove him false. Jesus loved the ones who were rejected by society; he showed compassion on the weak and healed the sick. In Isaiah 53, we read that Jesus took upon himself for us the wrath of God against sin during his life on earth, but particularly when he died on the cross.

We can know all of these things about Jesus, but we must also accept them by faith. The Bible states in Romans 5:1 that we are justified through faith in Christ and that through him we have peace with God. Many think that being a good person is enough to please God. We read in Ephesians 2:8 that only the grace of God saves us. It is a gift from him. Our good works cannot save us. By faith, we can safely put our trust in Jesus and so experience the peace that only he can provide.

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