

Protected by the Power of God November 26, 2023

Romans 3:28, *“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”*

Three Ways Faith Can Die:

1. Spiritual Self-Destruction

2. Slow Starvation

Acts 2:42, *“They (the church) were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

Bible study, active church life, Lord’s Supper, active life with God

James 2:26, *“Faith without works is dead.”*

Matthew 13:5-6, *“Others (seed) fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.”*

Matthew 13:20-21, *“The man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.”*

3. Strangulation by Sin

Matthew 13:7, *“Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.”*

Matthew 13:22, *“Seed...sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”*

Romans 5:20; 6:1-2 *“Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more. ^{6:1} What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?”*

Romans 8:13, *“For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

Matthew 3:8, *“Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance.”*

Simply Trusting, Fully Forgiven, Never Quitting

Romans 8:1, *“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ.”*

1 Peter 1:5, *“Protected by the power of God through faith.”*

Romans 5:8-9, *“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”*

Romans 5:1, *“Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Romans 5:10, *“While we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son.”*

Romans 5:2, *“By faith into this grace...we stand.”* **Romans 5:2**, *“Hope of the glory of God.”*

Three Characteristics of Biblical Hope:

- 1. Confident Expectation**
- 2. A Confident Expectation of Something Good**
- 3. The Confident Expectation of Something Good that Lies in the Future**

Romans 8:24-25, *“For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.”*

Eight Steps to Glory found in Romans 5:1-11:

- 1. The eternal, infinite love of God, which provides –**
- 2. The saving work of Jesus Christ, which is the object of –**
- 3. Our faith, through which we access to –**
- 4. The grace of God, which includes –**
- 5. Justification (forgiveness), which results in –**
- 6. Peace with God (reconciliation), which results in –**
- 7. Hope (assurance of salvation), which results in –**
- 8. Joy, in anticipation of the glory of God!**

Revelation 2:10, *“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

Matthew 24:13, *“The one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”*