

“Watch Out For False Faith”

Romans 10:9-13

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I. 4 common but false kinds of faith.

1. _____ faith/belief will not save.

“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”

James 2:19 (NIV)

“What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted.
“Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”

Matthew 8:29 (NIV)

2. _____ faith/belief will not save.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—”

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

“But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:8-9 (NIV)

3. _____ faith/belief will not save.

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

“If anyone publicly acknowledges me as his friend, I will openly acknowledge him as my friend before my Father in heaven. But if anyone publicly denies me, I will openly deny him before my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32-33 (TLB)

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

James 2:17 (NIV)

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

4. _____ faith/belief will not save.

““Everything they do is done for show. They act holy by wearing on their arms little prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and by lengthening the memorial fringes

of their robes. And how they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the reserved pews in the synagogue!”

Matthew 23:5-6 (TLB)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and, in your name, perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!”

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but, on the inside, you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.”

Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)

- II. True faith involves the deepest part of our being which is called the _____ in the Bible.

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,”

Romans 10:9-10a (NIV)

- ❖ So, heart faith is connected to Christ being _____ of our lives.

- III. Heart faith is rooted in _____ for God.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Matthew 22:36-38 (NIV)

- IV. Loving God in your heart shows itself in _____ to God.

““If you love me, keep my commands... Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” ... Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

John 14:15,21,23-24 (NIV)

- V. Lordship is not an obedience strictly out of duty or obligation or fear. But it is an _____ that flows from _____ - deep believing, trusting love for God.

““Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)

- ❖ All true invitations to salvation are calls to surrender to the sovereign _____ of Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 19:16-22)

1. Understand and admit the _____ of your _____.
2. Understand and accept the _____ of Jesus' _____.