

SALVATION IS BY FAITH & LOVE

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PLAYMAKERS IN THE FAITH

FIRST & GREATEST COMMANDMENT

36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the **greatest**?” 37 He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the **greatest** and **first commandment.**”

MATTHEW 22:36-38

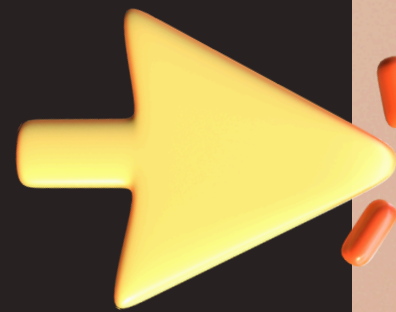
Love God

**ARE WE SAVED BY
FAITH ALONE?**

**CAN ANYONE BE
SAVED WITHOUT
LOVING GOD?**



WHAT DOES JESUS SAY?



49 for I have not spoken on my own,
but the Father who sent me has
himself **given me a commandment**
about what to say and what to speak.

50 And I know that his

commandment is eternal life. What I

speak, therefore, I speak just as the
Father has told me.”

JOHN 12:49-50

15 “If **you love me**, **you will keep** my
commandments.”

JOHN 14:15

21 They **who have** my commandments **and keep
them** **are those who love me**, and those who love
me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them
and **reveal myself to them.**”

JOHN 14:21

23 Jesus answered him, “**Those who love me will keep my word**, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 **Whoever does not love me does not keep my words**, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

JOHN 14:23

WHAT DOES PAUL SAY?

22 **Let anyone be accursed who has no love for the Lord**. Our Lord, come!

1 CORINTHIANS 16:22

II. a thing devoted to God without hope of being redeemed, and if an animal, to be slain; therefore a person or thing doomed to destruction

A. a curse

B. a man accursed, devoted to the direst of woes

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

ἀνάθεμα *anáthema*, an-ath'-em-ah; from G394; a (religious) ban or (concretely) excommunicated (thing or person):—accused, anathema, curse, **x** great.

13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the **greatest of these is love**.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; **the only thing that counts *is faith working through love***.

GALATIANS 5:6

14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with
the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY 1:14

6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has
brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told
us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see
us, just as we long to see you.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:6

3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3

5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

PHILEMON 1:5

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because **love is from God**; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, **for God is love.**

1 JOHN 4:7-8

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For **the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.** And his **commandments are not burdensome,**

1 JOHN 5:2-3

“great are the **faith** and **love** dwelling in you, while you hope for the life which He has promised.”

EPISTLE OF BARNABAS 1:4

“every word which proceeds out of your mouth in **faith** and **love** shall tend to bring conversion and hope to many.”

EPISTLE OF BARNABAS 11

New Testament — faith and love together

- **Galatians 5:6** — “faith working through love.” This is probably the most concise statement connecting the two.
- **Ephesians 3:17** — Christ dwells in the heart **through faith**, while believers are “rooted and grounded in love.”
- **Ephesians 6:23** — “Peace be to the brethren, and **love with faith**, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- **1 Thessalonians 1:3** — “work of **faith**, and labour of **love**, and patience of hope.”
- **1 Thessalonians 3:6** — Timothy brings good news concerning their “**faith and charity [love]**.”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:8** — “putting on the breastplate of **faith and love**.”
- **1 Timothy 1:5** — the goal is “**love** out of a pure heart...and **faith** unfeigned.”
- **1 Timothy 1:14** — grace was exceedingly abundant “with **faith and love which is in Christ Jesus**.”
- **1 Timothy 2:15** — continue in “**faith and charity [love] and holiness**.”
- **1 Timothy 4:12** — believers are to be examples “in charity [love]...in **faith**.”
- **1 Timothy 6:11** — pursue “righteousness, godliness, **faith, love**, patience, meekness.”
- **2 Timothy 1:13** — hold fast sound words “in **faith and love which is in Christ Jesus**.”
- **2 Timothy 2:22** — “follow righteousness, **faith, charity [love]**, peace.”
- **2 Timothy 3:10** — Paul points to his “purpose, **faith**, longsuffering, **charity [love]**, patience.”
- **Titus 2:2** — be “sound in **faith, in charity [love]**, in patience.”
- **Philemon 5** — Paul hears of Philemon's “**love and faith**.”
- **1 Corinthians 13:2** — even extraordinary **faith** is nothing without **love**.
- **1 Corinthians 13:13** — “**faith, hope, charity [love]**, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”
- **Colossians 1:4** — “your **faith in Christ Jesus**, and...the **love** which ye have to all the saints.”
- **Colossians 2:2, 5** — Paul desires believers to be “knit together in love” while rejoicing in the “steadfastness of your faith in Christ.”
- **1 John 3:23** — one command joins the two ideas: **believe** in Jesus Christ and **love one another**.

EARLY CHURCH WRITERS ON FAITH AND LOVE

WITNESS FROM THE APOSTOLIC FATHERS

WRITER	REFERENCE	KEY STATEMENT
 HERMAS	Similitude 9.15	 “Faith begins the virtues; Love completes the <i>list</i> .”
 CLEMENT	1 Clement 49	 “Love unites us to God”
 BARNABAS	Barnabas 1:4	 “great are the faith and love dwelling in you”
 IGNATIUS	Ignatius to the Smyrnaeans, greeting	 “filled with faith and love”
 IGNATIUS	Ephesians 14:1	 “the beginning is faith, and the end is love”
 POLYCARP	Philippians 1, 3	 “the strong root of your faith” + love towards God...Christ...and our neighbour”



“ROOTED IN FAITH, GROUNDED IN LOVE, ENDURING TO THE END.” – EPHESIANS 3:17

WHAT DOES NOT OF
YOURSELVES
NOT OF WORKS
MEAN?

**I'M CONFUSED.
WHAT ABOUT
EPHESIANS 2:8-9?**



EPHESIANS

HISTORICAL

CONTEXT

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to **Ephesus**, where he found some disciples.
3 Then he said, “Into what, then, were you baptized?” They answered, “**Into John’s baptism.**”

ACTS 19:1,3

These were Jews who became Christians. They were first baptized into John’s baptism which was for Israel.

What was Jewish belief on atonement?

RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN THEY BELIEVED?

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

EPHESIANS 1:13

5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

ACTS 19:5-7

They received the Holy Spirit after water baptism and Paul laying his hands on them.

Pay For Your Sins

Old Covenant

7 “But if you cannot afford a sheep, you shall bring to the Lord, as your penalty for the sin that you have committed, two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a purification offering and the other for a burnt offering.

Leviticus 5:7

Not of Yourselves

Old Covenant

The Day of Atonement which was once every year they had to sacrifice animals for the forgiveness of sins.

Leviticus 16

Law/works



New Covenant

We do not need to sacrifice animals because Jesus Christ is the sacrificial lamb of God. His death, burial, and resurrection was the atonement for our sins.

Faith



Faith

What is THROUGH Faith?

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the door way to salvation. We must believe in Him and His work on the cross.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

John 10:9



Jesus Christ the Son of God



OLD TESTAMENT

WORK



LEVITICUS 5:7



SINS ATONED



**FAITHFUL TO
MOSAIC LAW**

NEW TESTAMENT

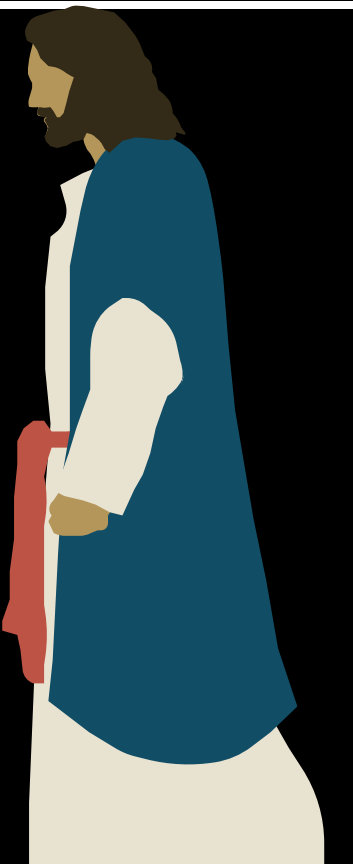
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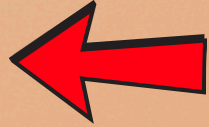


SINS ATONED



**FAITHFUL TO LAW
OF CHRIST**



14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love abides in death.  

1 JOHN 3:14

42 Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. 
But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear
that they would be put out of the synagogue, 

JOHN 12:42

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I **confess also before my Father** which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I **also deny before my Father** which is in heaven.

MATTHEW 10:32-33

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

ROMANS 10:9-10

STATEMENT

"We are Saved By **Faith Alone**"

SCRIPTURE

⁸For by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹**not the result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Where is the word "Alone"?

STATEMENT

"Salvation is **Faith working through Love**"

**WHICH
STATEMENT
IS TRUE?**

SCRIPTURE

⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is **faith** working through **love**.

Galatians 5:6

**I BELIEVE WHAT I
CAN READ!**

**I BELIEVE
SALVATION IS BY
FAITH & LOVE!**

