

### Your Faith Has Saved You

Jesus said in Mark 5:34, Mark 10:52, and Luke 17:19 that a person's faith saved each of them. In all three instances he made it clear that His healing, cleansing, or saving was dependent on that person having faith. Our outer actions are important, but we are not saved by them. It is the inner thoughts of our souls where salvation is found.

#### 1st Step

Romans 3:28-30    2 Peter 1:1-9    Mark 5:34    Mark 10:52    Luke 17:19

#### Step In

Last week we read in Romans that God justifies (frees from blame) those who have faith in Jesus even though they are sinners. He does this through the gift of His grace. Where have you seen evidence of God's grace this week?

How does a deeper faith help us to see God's goodness and grace in action?

#### Step Up

2 Peter 1 tells us that we should build upon our faith by adding goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, Godliness, kindness and love. Why is faith the foundation for building the other attributes into our character?

How does faith help us to achieve the other qualities? How do they all reflect Christ?

#### Step Out

"Faith is not something to grasp. It is a state to grow into." (Gandhi). What are some of the steps you are taking to grow more deeply in faith? In what ways are you developing a deeper, more trusting acceptance of God's will for your life? What areas do you most need to work on?

Read Hebrews 11:1: How can we help one another grow in faith and trust?

#### Sermon Notes