True Faith

Ephesians 2: 8-9 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Introduction: The faith is a gift of God. The grace is what God saves us with, but the faith is what we accept salvation through and that faith comes from God.

Definition: faith
1. a. (1): belief and trust in and loyalty to God (2): belief in the traditional doctrines of a religion.
   b. (1): firm belief in something for which there is no proof (2): complete trust

I. Humans have faith in one another, it fails.
   A. I have had complete faith in people that have let me down.
   B. The faith we have in people is not a true faith.
      1. It is based on fiction.
      2. Like definition b. there is no proof. (First Love)
      3. I have had those I called friend, but never bothered to prove they could be my friend.

II. We have faith in Jesus to save us, this comes from God.
   A. Mark 8:28-29 And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And he saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
   B. Matthew 16:15-18 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
      1. This shows that Peter saw the true Jesus Christ as the Father in heaven relieved it to him.
      2. It shows us that God the Father gives us the faith to see Jesus for who He is, the Savior. God does this for whosoever.
   C. The Word of God is a faith building thing.
      1. Romans 10:16-17 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report? So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
2. When we read the Word of God our faith is increased. We will have a revival soon. I know that our faith will be stronger when it is over.

III. We can completely trust in Jesus because God has given us the faith to do so.
   A. Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." This has not changed.
   B. We have proof of this faith.
      1. You are sitting here because of this faith. This building was built on this faith, that is what Jesus talked about when he said "upon this Rock I will build my church" it is the faith in him as Christ, the head of the church.
      2. The Bible is another proof. There are many books in the world. None of them are as old and more correct in translation than the Bible. James 1:25 but whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Conclusion: We should never forget that our faith in Jesus comes from God above. We can trust God over anyone and all things in this world and the world to come. Romans 14:22-23 not of faith is sin. I Peter 1:3-9 encouraging

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The Whole Counsel of God
Acts 20:26-27

Introduction: Paul had called for the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet him in Miletus. Paul did not want to spend time in Ephesus because he wanted to reach Jerusalem in time for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). In a very emotional meeting with the elders (Acts 20:37) Paul told them that during the two years he spent in Ephesus he had declared to them the whole counsel of God. Paul preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2). To declare "the whole counsel of God" requires the declaration of these wonderful truths about the Lord Jesus. Proclaiming each one of these truths is essential if we are to preach the complete gospel message.

I. JESUS CHRIST PRE-INCARNATE...OUR CREATOR!
   John 1:3-4; Colossians 1:16-17

II. JESUS CHRIST INCARNATE...OUR EXAMPLE!
   1 Peter 2:21-23

III. JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED...OUR REDEEMER!
   Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Colossians 1:13-14

IV. JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED...OUR JUSTIFIER!
   Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:17

V. JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED...OUR ADVOCATE!
   Hebrews 7:24-25; Romans 8:34b; Acts 7:55-56; Hebrews 4:14-16

VI. JESUS CHRIST RETURNING...OUR BLESSED HOPE!
   Titus 2:13; I Thessalonians 4:16-17

Conclusion: There is a song in our hymnal that beautifully depicts what we have preached today. That song is "One Day" written by J. Wilbur Chapman.

One day when heaven was filled with his praises,
   One day when sin was as black as could be,
   Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
   Dwelt amongst men, my example is he!

One day they led him up Calvary's mountain,
   One day they nailed him to die on the tree;
   Suffering anguish despised and rejected:
   Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he!
One day they left him alone in the garden,
One day he rested, from suffering free;
Angels came down o'er his tomb to keep vigil;
Hope of the hopeless, my Saviour is he!

One day the grave could conceal him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then he arose, over death he had conquered;
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

One day the trumpet will sound for his coming,
One day the skies with his glories will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
Glorious Saviour, this Jesus is mine!

Chorus
Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
Buried, he carried my sins far away;
Rising, he justified freely, forever:
One day he's coming -- O, glorious day!

"Even so, come Lord Jesus." AMEN

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The Cross of Christ
Gal 6:14 - 1 Cor. 1:18

Introduction: The cross is the center and the circumference of the preaching of the apostles, and of life of the New Testament Church, as an instrument of death and the cross was detested by the Jews. (Gal.3:13) (Deut. 21:23), hence it became a stumbling block to them, for how could one accursed of God be their Messiah? Nor was the cross differently considered by the Romans - "Let the very name of the cross be faraway, not only from the body of a Roman citizen, but even from his thoughts, his eyes, and his ears." ---Death by crucifixion was considered death for a slave. (Phil.2:7) -- Roman citizens were exempt from this form of punishment. This punishment was intended for crimes such as treason, desertion, in the face of the enemy, also robbery, assassination, sedition, etc. --- (Standard Bible Encyclopedia) (Volume 2: Page 761)

Glory --To boast, to vaunt, (In good or bad sense). To make boast, glory, joy, and rejoice.

I. The Sentence of His Cross
A. A curse - (Deut. 21:23) (Gal.3:13)
   1. curse - to bring evil upon, to afflict
   2. curse - deserving to be cursed, wicked (Isa. 53:5) (2 Cor.5:21)
B. The Cause Is Man's Great Sin
   (Rom.5:12) (Rom.6:23) (Isa.59:1-2)

II. The Substitution of His Cross
A. The Just - (2 Cor. 5:21) "...He who knew no sin, no thought was evil, no word, or no way was evil." (I Peter 2:22) "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." (I John 3:5) "And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him is no sin." -- The sinless Son of God dying for Hell deserving sinful man, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.
B. The Unjust
   1. Born with a sinful nature, that is bent on rebellion against God. (Psa. 51:5)
   2. Dead in trespasses and sins. (Eph.2:1)

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The Priesthood of Jesus
Hebrews 4: 14-16 & 8: 1-3
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Introduction:
A. The office of a priest represents man to God.
B. His purpose is to restore fellowship with God who is justly angered at man for his rebellion and his rejection of the truth.
C. The priest offers, by the sacrifice of a substitute for man, an atonement. This was the O.T. teaching.

D. In His incarnation, Jesus fulfilled the work of the Levitical priest by the offering of himself.

E. Let us look to the Scriptures teaching on the priesthood of Christ.

I. The Origin of Jesus Priesthood. 7: 1-3, 16

A. In verse 1 of Chapter 7 our attention is called to the foundation of these thoughts on Christ’s priesthood.

B. We are asked to consider this man called Melchisedec.

C. In verse one we learn that Melchisedec was a king-priest; one who received tithes from Abraham. Gen 14:20

D. Therefore, with Melchisedec as a type, in verse three he says that Jesus priesthood was without father & mother, the beginning of days, nor the end of life.

E. In Galatians 4:26 we are told that, “Jerusalem which is above all, is free, which is the mother of us all.” The word ‘above’ does not refer to location but time.

F. Our conclusion is that Melchisedec was connected with Jerusalem before the law was first given and it (Jerusalem) was a type of heaven.

G. So we see that Jesus priesthood is eternal.

H. Finally let us compare Christ’s priesthood to the Levitical priesthood.

II. The Obedience of Jesus Priesthood. 7:27 2:16, 18

A. Suffering

“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.” Heb 2:18. This allowed Jesus to emphasize with suffering men.

1. Ways He suffered were:
   A. bodily hunger
   B. Presence of Satan. Get thee hence. Matt 4:10
   C. Temptations from Pharisees and others grieved Him.
   D. Words of His own disciples. In Matthew 16:22 Peter said: “...and began to rebuke him, saying, “Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.”

2. The word ‘behooved’ has reference to necessity. In the offering of Himself; there was no other way but to suffer. Luke 24:46

3. He knows how you feel.

4. In dying He destroyed Satan.

5. He suffered and was tempted but He never yielded.
6 This is why (Hebrews 2:14) Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us.

B. Surrender voluntary humiliation.
   2. Heb 5:7-10 & Matthew 26:36-44

C. Substitute (Propitiation) to make atonement the appeasing of God’s anger.
   1. He was made a curse for us. Galatians 3:13
   2. So Christ was once offered for the sins of many. Hebrews 9:28

D. Sacrifice
   1. “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.” Galatians 1:4
   2. “Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13
   3. This he did once IAW 7:27

E. Surety – Greek: Bondman, one who pledges his name, property or influence that a certain thing shall be done. Hebrews 7:22
   1. It implies the defect of the person for whom any one becomes surety.
   2. Consider Peter’s words after being released by Herod. “And when Peter was come to himself, he said now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.” Acts 12; 11

III. The Operation of Jesus Priesthood. 7:24
   A. Unchangeable. The surety of the better covenant has an unchangeable priesthood. It is because He continueth forever. 7:24
      1. Here is the manifestation of His eternal care for us. We also note that the same love that caused Him as Priest to lay down his life continues forever.
      2. Listen to the Jews testimony in John 12:34. “We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth forever.”

   B. Mediator of better covenant. Hebrews 8:6
      “For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.” I Timothy 2:5, 6
      1. The mediating priest intervenes with sacrifice and intercession for the reconciling of God and sinners.
      2. See Paul’s words in Romans 3:21”But now the righteousness of the law is manifested, being witnesses by the law and the prophets;”
      4. Such mediation presupposes that the two parties are at such variance they cannot treat directly with each other as illustrated in Deut. 5:23-27.
      5. Two things were required of a mediator.
A. He had to remove whatever kept the covenantors at distance.
B. He had to purchase and communicate all the good things prepared and proposed by the covenant.
C. Finally the Mediator must be trusted, and rested in by both parties.

God said: “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased and on the part of God’s elect, they are made willing “in the day of his power.” Psalm 110:3

6. The resolution of this covenant produces promises.

C. Gods law placed in the human mind. Heb 8:10
(Mind--- intellect of man)
1. Here is the effectual operation of the Holy Spirit in His supernatural illumination of our understanding.
2. When the Spirit illuminates He causes a desire to submit to the authority and revealed will of God.
3. Consider the example of Lydia. As the Lord opened the heart of Lydia “that she attended unto the things which were spoken by Paul.” Acts 16:14

D. Precepts written in the heart 8:10
1. The heart comprises the affections and will.

2. First the understanding is informed then the heart is reformed.
3. An active principle of obedience is imparted (i.e. a love for God).
4. See Hebrews 8:10d “… I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”

E. Kinsman Redeemer.
1. The first qualification of a redeemer was that he must belong to the same family of him or her who was to be redeemed. He must be a kinsman.
2. This is beautifully illustrated in Ruth where we see Boaz acting as kinsman. 2:20; 3:12, 13; 4:1
3. No matter how deep the voluntary humiliation might have been atonement was not possible unless the substitute actually became, as well as legally, became one with us.
4. “Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
A. The priesthood of Aaron was not instituted with an oath. Jesus priesthood was.
B. An oath is the end of all strife 6: 16
C. God confirmed His word by an oath.
D. The word, confirm, means to mediate, or to intervene.
   1. This directs our thoughts to Christ to whom the original oath and promise were made.
   2. “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began:” Titus 1:2
E. The declaration of an oath establishes the fact that God will not change his mind.
   1. See Hebrews 7: 17-20
D. When God is pleased to unveil His degree or purpose itself, testifying it to be absolute and unchanging, He does it by an oath.
E. “For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them and ends of all strife.

Hebrews 6:16

Conclusion:
A. The assurance of every believer rests upon the veracity of God.
B. If this were not true no one would know what to expect from God.
C. Our Hope stem from the assurance that God has bound Himself to Christ to “bless” His people. “For the promises of God in Him (Christ) are yea, and in Him Amen.” II Corinthians 1:20
D. “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,
and which entereth into that within the veil. Hebrews 6:19
E. This anchor is Christ himself sustaining each believer by making intercession for them.

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God Writes Christian with 7C's

Christ Crucified

Without this, there is nothing else. The Bible says that if Christ is not risen, we are to be more pitied than anyone else in the world, because our faith has been in vain. The first element in the life of any Christian is the fact that Jesus Christ, the holy lamb of God, was slain before the foundation of the world for the sins of a world who would largely spurn him.

To deny the historicity of Christ is to ruin the entire endeavor from the beginning. If Jesus did not die and conquer physical death, then physical death will be the end of us. In his Dialogue, the great philosopher Plato asks: "Are not all things at last swallowed up in death?" But Paul answers that, since Christ arose, "death is swallowed up in victory."

We cannot be saved unless we believe, and we cannot believe efficaciously unless our belief is true. But because Christ was put to death for our sins and his blood was shed in the place of ours, we may believe.

Spirit Convicts

Christ's death is not the end of the story. When Jesus died, redemption did not automatically fall on all mankind. Jesus told his followers in John 16 that the Holy Spirit would descend on the world and convict it for its sin.
When we realize our helpless estate, we may seek to leave it, but without the light of God on our hearts, we are so trapped in our own sin that we cannot know of our depravity.

But the Spirit of God condescends to move on the blackest heart of unregenerate man and to reveal his sin. This is the judgment, then: that the light came into the world and men loved darkness instead. If the conviction of the Spirit is completely rejected, he has been blasphemed and will not pass this way again. But if the Spirit is met!

Sinner Calls

If a man chooses to respond with submission to the leading of the Spirit, he will cry out unto God for redemption. The Scripture is clear - whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. We cannot call sincerely unless we believe our call will rise to the ears of God. We cannot call sincerely unless we believe God has done what is necessary for our redemption in his death. We cannot call sincerely unless we believe we need to be saved, when our sin has been illuminated with the Spirit.

But when these conditions meet and a man cries out to the Lord God for his life, in a miraculous moment, he is saved. He I a new creature and he can never again return to his old way of life. He has been sealed by the Spirit until the day of redemption. The theologians call it 'Justification.' The flesh is still wicked and the mind is still torn between the two natures, but God himself indwells and man is saved forevermore.

Father Chastens

When we are born of God and we sin, the Father convicts us of such sin, according to Hebrews 11. This chastening helps us to see the sin still in our lives, as God slowly conforms us to the image of his Son. Although the man has been saved already, no sin is acceptable to God and such sin is met with rebuke.

Child Conforms

When God reveals some sin in our life, we must choose to remove it, by the strength of the Spirit in us. As we respond to his chastening humbly and submit to his righteousness, our lives slowly transform to become more and more Christ-like. Although we are saints (set-apart) from the moment we call, this process of our lives becoming more and more visibly set apart for God is called 'Sanctification.'

The process is not completed until our life on Earth is over, either through death, or through God choosing to call us up to be with him. Then, things are completed.

Saint Changes

The last C in Christian allows no role on the part of man. When the Son returns, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. What began with sanctification is perfected in 'Glorification.' Beholding the full glory of God, we will be transformed and our entire person perfected. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. Sinless and holy in our entirety, conformed to the image of the Son forevermore.

That is how God writes Christian.

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Glorify Your Father

Introduction: Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The light is Jesus living in us. We will look at the similarities of light in nature and the light that is in a Christian.

I. The light has to go in before it can come out and glorify anything.
A. The light will go in a stone, but it will not come back out as focused light until it is cut ### show rough and shine laser in to it.
B. Jesus comes to live in us if we truly repent and are saved by his blood. This message is to the saved.

II. Once the light is in it has to come out the right way.
A. A gem is the only way to get all of the light back out of a stone.
Define Gem: 1a: jewel
   b: a precious or sometimes semiprecious stone cut and polished for ornament
2a: something prized especially for great beauty or perfection
   b: a highly prized or well-beloved person
We name gems: Hope Diamond 45.52 carat/rough 112 3/16 carat. Cut and recut at least 4 times. The American Gold Topaz It took 2 years to cut. Started at 66,000 carats, 22,892.50 carats/rough after cut.

God knew us before we were born Jeremiah 1:5. Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

B. Christians shine the true light by teaching the word of God to others.
1. We have to be taught in order to teach.
2. The Word of God is the best teacher. 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
3. Our teachers here use the Word of God.

III. There are things that cause the light not to shine out the right way. The three C's Cut, Clarity, Carat weight (we will not talk about this, how big you are does not matter when shining the light for God.)
A. Clarity
   1. Things to consider for a gems clarity (inclusions/feathers/identity rings)
   2. Things to consider for the clarity of a Christian (Sin, all sin in your life)
B. Cut
   1. A gem fails to shine if we use (bad tools, wrong critical angle, and bad placement of facets).
   2. A Christian fails to shine if they use (bad doctrine, wrong critical angle of the word.) Heb. 4:12 "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Conclusion: We are made for a greater purpose and so are these stones. God sees something of value in us, we see something of value in a uncut stone, so we seek them out and bring them in and cut them. God found you and brought you to where you are now. Let the word of God cut the world away from you and turn you I to the gem that God knows you are.

Through the Blood of Jesus Christ
1 Peter 1:18, 19

Introduction: As you study God's Word, you will find that we have a lot of things by the blood of Jesus Christ, Many in the religious world would like to do away with the blood of Jesus Christ, and Peter called it the precious blood of Christ. It is very precious because of what it does and what it has to offer all people. Without the blood of Jesus Christ being applied to our lives, we would have very little if anything at all. I want us to look at six things that we have by the blood of Jesus
Christ. The things we have in Christ are spiritual, not material. You cannot buy these things with silver and gold.

I. WE ARE REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

A. The definition
   1. Redeemed means to free from captivity by payment of a ransom.
   2. Those lost in sin are captives of Satan and Jesus frees them.

B. The declaration
   1. In the text we are taught that we are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus.
   2. The Lord is worthy to take the book and open the seals because He was slain and has redeemed us to God by His blood. Revelation 5:9
   3. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Hebrews 9:22

C. The deliverance
   1. Our sins are removed from us as far as the east is from the west. Psalm 103.12
   2. Jesus removes our sins and fellowship is restored between Him and the sinner.
   3. The guilt that sin and grieving of the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way.

II. WE ARE CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

A. The definition
   1. Cleansed means to purify or make clean from a dirty or filthy condition.
   2. Paul said, You hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1

B. The declaration
   1. When we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. I John 1:9
   2. Jesus loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5
   3. When we repent of sin, there will always be fruit of repentance. Matthew 3:8

C. The deliverance
   1. As the children of God, we have more freedom than we do as Americans.

III. WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

A. The definition Rom. 5:9
   1. Justify means to prove or show to be just and right.
   2. This is what happens when we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

B. The declaration
   1. By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Romans 5:18
   2. When you believe on Him who justifies the ungodly, your faith is counted for righteousness. Romans 4:5

C. The deliverance
   1. Those who are in Christ are new creatures. II Corinthians 5:17
   2. We are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:25

IV. WE ARE MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

A. The definition
   1. Made nigh means we are nigh to draw or come near to.
   2. We can come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy and find
grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16

B. The declaration
1. Those who are in Christ are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
   Ephesians 2:13
2. Before we were in Christ we were far off from Him.

C. The deliverance
1. We can now boldly approach Him.
   Hebrews 4:16
2. It is good to draw near to God.
   Psalm 73:28. There are benefits of drawing near to God.

V. WE ARE SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

A. The definition
1. Sanctify means to set apart to a sacred purpose or religious use.
2. Jesus said, Sanctify them through your Word. Your Word is truth.
   John 17:17

B. The declaration
1. Jesus sanctified the people with His own blood.
2. we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works.
   Ephesians 2:10

C. The deliverance
1. We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God.
   Romans 12:1
2. We are not to be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds.
   Romans 12:2

VI. WE OVERCAME BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

A. The definition
1. To overcome means to conquer or triumph or be victorious
2. They overcame by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

B. The declaration
1. The people of God overcome the accuser of the brethren by the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 12:11
2. Those who are born of God overcame the world. 1 John 5:4 The victory that overcomes the world is our faith.

C. The deliverance
1. Thanks be to God which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57
2. We have victory in our lives through our Lord Jesus.

UNKNOWN

Strange Fire Before the Lord
Lev. 10:1-7

Introduction:

A. would serve as a warning...
B. God's law concerning the fire to be used... Lev. 16:11-13
C. What the fire represented. The Cross! All who approach God must come to Him by way of the Cross.
D. Some strange fire being offered today.

I. Worship and Service that does not magnify what Jesus did for us at Calvary. Gal. 6:14

A. Much of the modern so called Christian music has no mention of the Cross, the Blood, or God's mercy and grace. Some of these songs are sung to rock music.

B. Some of the great songs of the Church are being altered and changed as not to offend the masses. If words like Blood, love, grace, and mercy offend then so be it!
C. Ministries that praise a man instead of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only He is worth to be praised... Lev. 10:3b

II. Seeking to live for Jesus without a burdened heart for lost souls is strange fire

A. "And Jesus seeing the multitudes moved with compassion"
B. Paul's burden...Romans 9:2, 3; 10:1
C. where are the heavy hearts?
D. what's happened to the tears?
E. Today we seek to "get by" instead of "seeking the lost."
F. There must be a return to old fashioned Bible Christianity because multitudes are going to hell and seemly no one really cares!

III. Religion that blends in with the crowd is strange fire.

A. We must bow out from the world 2 Cor. 6:17; text vs.9, 10
B. We should bow out from false churches ... Neh. 13:23, 24

IV. Salvation apart from God's grace is strange fire before the Lord

A. I often hear someone say, "We are all working to go to the same place."
B. What saith God's Word 1. Eph. 2:8, 9 2. Titus 3:5 3. 1 Peter 1:18, 19

Conclusion:

A. Look what happened to these two who thought they could get by with just any kind of fire.
B. Lost friend, God will only accept what Jesus did at Calvary.

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FAITH

If our faith was the size of a mustard seed, One day in the Gods Bible I read. We could move the mountain of our life, And nothing would be impossible, it said, Had I strayed so far from God? I ask myself as I began to pray. Please Lord, let that tiny seed of faith, Began to grow, in my life today. I know there will be times when, I lack strength on my own, to do God's will. But in faith, if we let God work His power, Work through us, as we climb that hill. Oh, if we would only have the faith, The size of a tiny mustard seed, Nothing would be impossible for us He would bless with all that we need.

Matt. 17:13-20
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