



FAITH ITSELF IS A GIFT FROM CHRIST

Phil 1:29 It is *given* unto us, on the behalf of Christ, for Christ's sake, to believe on Him.

Eph 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." ⇒ faith

Heb 12:2 Jesus is "the author and finisher of our faith"

Eph 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

CHRIST SAVES EFFECTUALLY AND FULLY

Matt 1:21 name Him Jesus, because He *will* save His people from their sins

Col 1:22 But now He *has* reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death [v.20 by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross] to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Heb 9:12 but He entered by the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, *having obtained* eternal redemption

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is able to save *completely* those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

Q: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A: *Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,¹ whereby we receive² and rest upon him alone for salvation,³ as he is offered to us in the gospel.⁴*

1. **Hebrews 10:39.** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
2. **John 1:12.** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
3. **Isaiah 26:3-4.** Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
Philippians 3:9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.
4. **John 6:40.** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
Galatians 2:16. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.


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MUST BE BORN AGAIN FIRST





1 Cor 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them.





John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is *born again*."





John 3:6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the *Spirit gives birth to spirit*.





John 1:12-13 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but *born of God*.





Eph 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, *made us alive* with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.





1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he *has given us new birth*





1 John 2:29 you know that everyone who does what is right has been *born of him*.




1 John 4:7 Everyone who loves has been *born of God* and knows God.




1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been *born of God*.





1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is *born of God*





1 John 5:4 for everyone *born of God* overcomes the world... by faith





1 John 5:18 We know that anyone *born of God* does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.




1 Peter 1:23 For you have been *born again*, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.




Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of *rebirth* and renewal by the Holy Spirit,





2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a *new creation*; the old has gone, the new has come!





Gal 6:15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a *new creation*.





Col 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, *God made you alive with Christ*.





James 1:18 *He chose to give us birth* through the word of truth,





Jer 24:7 *I will give them a heart to know me*, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.



Jer 31:33 I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.



Ez 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and *put a new spirit in them*; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.



Ez 36:25-29 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you*; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. *And I will put my Spirit in you* and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; **you will be my people, and I will be your God**. I will save you from all your uncleanness.

