

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love. —1 Corinthians 13:13

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What is faith?

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Faith is NOT a... **Feeling**

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Faith is NOT a... **Formula**

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Faith is NOT a... **Fantasy**

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<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen... <sup>6</sup>And without  
faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever  
would draw near to God must believe that he  
exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
—Hebrews 11:1, 6

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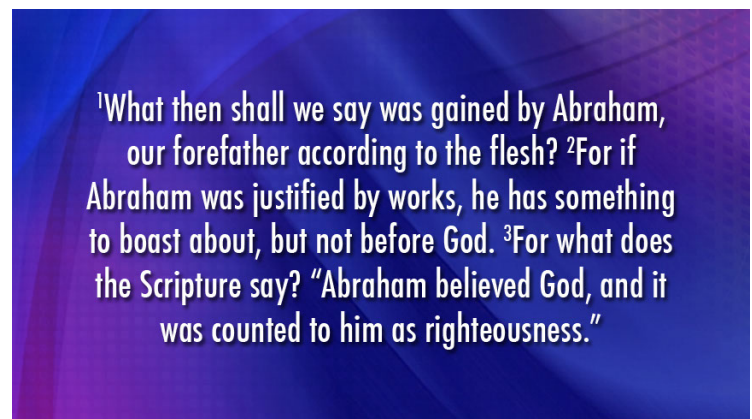
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<sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...

—Romans 4:1-5

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That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...

—Romans 4:16

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<sup>23</sup>But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. —Romans 4:23-25

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<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. —Ephesians 2:8-9

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Why Does Faith Matter?

Life Requires It

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...for we walk by faith, not by sight.

—2 Corinthians 5:7

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"Faith is thinking and acting according to God's Word in spite of feelings, circumstances or consequences."  
**—Warren Wiersbe**

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Why Does Faith Matter? **God Accepts It**

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And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
**—Hebrews 11:6**

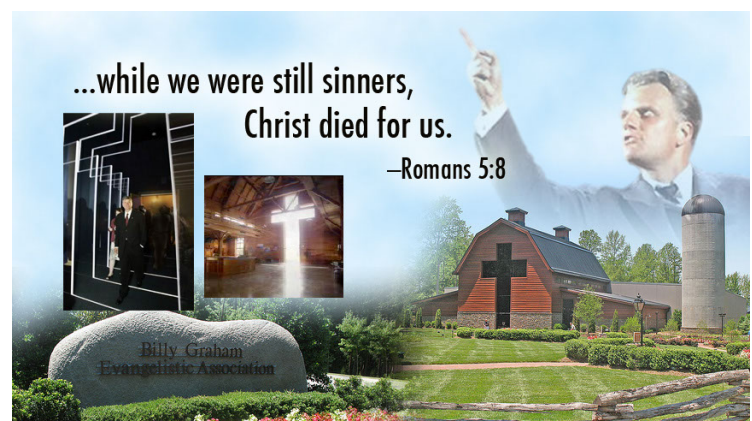
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Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." **—John 6:29**

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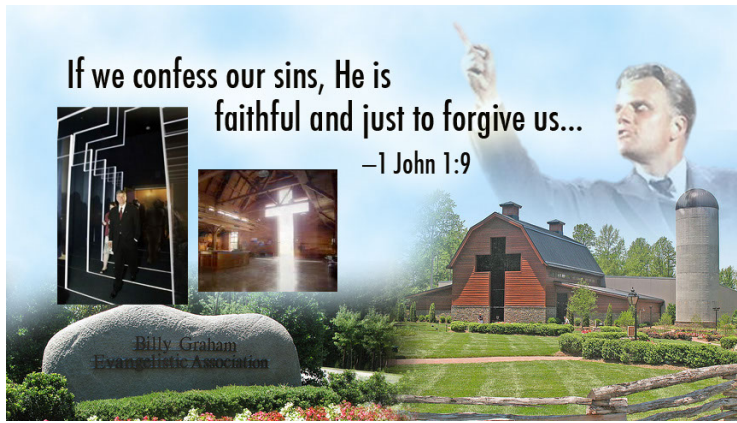
Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **—John 3:18**

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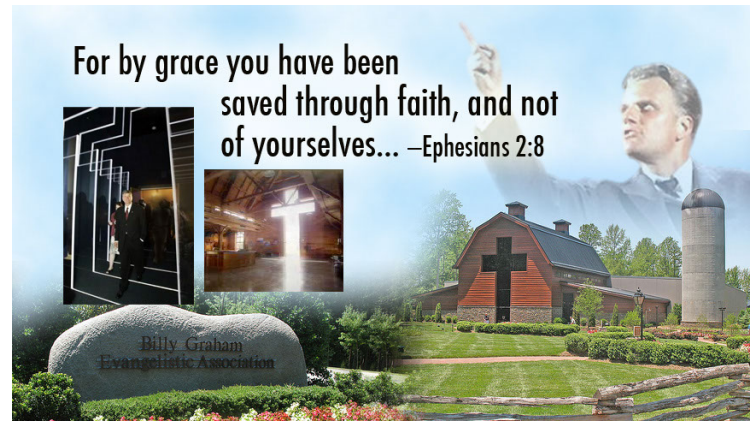


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