

FAITH COMES

Romans 4:16-25 – Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; ¹⁸who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²²And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.” ²³Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

- **Joshua 1:8** – This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
- **Bro. Hagin:** Faith experiences the Word as if it is true right now.
- **Richards:** biblical meditation is when you think about, ponder, imagine, or consider any biblical promise until you have all the emotions of it being true at this moment.

Romans 10:8-17 – But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

¹⁴How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” ¹⁶But they have not

*all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”
17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Summary of chapter 10:

- Moses’ message was righteousness by keeping the law.
- NT righteousness is by faith.

Romans 10:17 – *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- **“comes by”** – or, is out of.
- **“hearing”** – [Strong’s] a sense of hearing.
- **“word”** – RHEMA; spoken word.
- **John 6:66-68** – *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Romans 10:8-10 – *But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- **Note: [SFL Bible]** The principle is established at the very beginning of our life in Christ. Just as salvation (God’s righteous working in our behalf) is appropriated by heart belief and spoken confession, so His continuing working in our lives is advanced by the same means. The word “confess” (Greek *homologeo*) has the connotation of “a binding public declaration by which a legal relation is contractually established” (**Kittel**).
- **Confess the Lord Jesus.**
 - KURIOS; he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master.
 - Implies giving ourselves to Him wholeheartedly.
- **Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead.**
 - Must see him as God.
 - Must see him as a man.
 - Heart belief in all accomplished at the resurrection.