
Book 6

Appendix A

Detailed Contents

Biblical Faith

What Does Scripture Say About Believing in God?

The chapter numbers below are color-coded according to the following categories in order to help you prioritize your reading:

Best: The most helpful, interesting and/or important chapters of the book.

Essential: Important chapters to understand the topic of the book.

Specialized: Chapters for the finer or more complex points of the topic of the book.

6.1: **An Introduction to *Biblical Faith*:** *The Multiple Meanings of Faith* [13 pp.]

A) The Complexity of Faith

B) *Philosophical Faith*: *Confusing revelation with faith*

C) *Practical Faith*: *Adequate certainty based on human knowledge*

C.1) General Definition of Faith: *Beliefs based on indirect knowledge*

C.2) *Practical Faith*: *The most common kind even in the Christian life*

D) *Biblical Faith*

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Table 6.1: The Types of *Biblical Faith*

Part I: The Grace of *Saving Faith*

6.2: **An Introduction to *Saving Faith*:** *And the Critical Controversy Surrounding It* [30 pp.]

A) The Result of *Saving Faith*: *Eternal salvation*

B) The Object of *Saving Faith*: *Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord*

C) The Debate Regarding *Saving Faith*: *Fairism vs. Gracism*

C.1) *Empowering faith vs. saving faith*

C.2) *Fairism vs. gracism*

- C.3) *Gracism* preserves the core biblical doctrine of salvation by God's grace rather than human works: *Rom 11:5-6*
- C.4) *Gracism* preserves the God-ordained appearance of injustice in His plan of salvation: *Rom 9-11*
- C.5) *Gracism* preserves the God-ordained appearance of "foolishness" in His plan of salvation: *1 Cor 1:17-2:5*
- C.6) *Gracism* preserves the God-ordained desire to guarantee salvation: *Rom 4:16*

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6.3: The Source of Saving Faith: *Divine Gift through Regeneration & Not a Human Work* [25 pp.]

- A) Human Inability to Produce Saving Faith:** *Ephesians 2:1-5*
 - A.1) Biblical support for human inability
 - A.2) Human ability is not implied by biblical requirements to believe
 - A.3) Limited progression of salvation supports human inability
- B) Divine Necessity to Provide Saving Faith:** *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- C) What It Really Means to be Saved by Grace & Not by Works:** *Saved by God's works alone*

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6.4: The Church's Testimony to the Grace of Saving Faith [40 pp.]

- A) The Fallacy of a "50/50" Debate in the Church Between Gracism & Fairism**
- B) Gracism in the Early Church:** *Tertullian, Athanasius, & Augustine*
- C) Gracism in Early Roman Catholicism**
- D) Gracism in the Protestant Reformation:** *Luther & Calvin*
- E) Gracism in the Great Awakening:** *Whitefield & Edwards*
- F) The Fairism of John Wesley**
- G) The Gracist Charles Spurgeon**
- H) Gracism in the Modern Church**
- I) Fairism in the Modern Church**

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6.5: Evangelism Spurgeon's Way: *How a Gracist preaches the Gospel* [11 pp.]

6.6: False Faith: *The devil's counterfeit of saving faith* [20 pp.]

- A) **False Faith is Merely Historical & Emotional:** *Heb 6:4-11*
- B) **False Faith is Absent of Private & Persevering Virtue:** *Matt 13:20-23*
- C) **False Faith is Illustrated in "Disciples," Judas, Demas, & Simon**
- D) **False Faith is Common in Christendom**
- E) **False Faith is Concentrated in Charismaticism:** *Matt 7:21-23*

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Part II: Other Facets of Biblical Faith

6.7: Empowering Faith: *A Human Work, Not a Divine Gift* [18 pp.]

- A) **The Objects & Purpose of Empowering Faith:** *Promises, commands, & doctrines for this life*
 - A.1) Faith for How We Live
 - A.2) Faith for Promises
 - A.3) Faith for Commands
 - A.4) Faith for Doctrines
- B) **The Nature of Empowering Faith:** *Growing for our sanctification*
- C) **The Building of Empowering Faith:** *God's provision for evidence*
 - C.1) Research
 - C.2) Regeneration
 - C.3) Reminders
- D) **The Result of Empowering Faith:** *Divine commendation because we can take credit for it; Hebrews 11*

6.8: Miracle Faith: *As Miraculous as the Miracles it Produces* [19 pp.]

- A) **Definition of Miracle Faith**
- B) **Attributes of Miracle Faith**
 - B.1) Absent of Doubt
 - B.2) Possesses Omnipotence
 - B.3) Source is Divine not Human
 - B.4) Granted through Revelation
 - B.5) Extremely Rare
 - B.6) Enables the Reception of Miracles
- C) **Abraham's Illustration of Miracle Faith:** *Romans 4:18-22*

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6.9: Gift Faith: *Empowering our God-given supernatural abilities* [8 pp.]

- A) **Defining *Gift Faith***: *Romans 12:3-6*
- B) **The Differences in *Gift Faith***
- C) **The Humility of *Gift Faith***
- D) **The Provision of *Gift Faith***

Part III: Visionary Faith

Note: The chapters originally published in this section (chs. 6.10-6.17) have been deleted from this book and published in another book, *Visionary Faith*, available in the "Church Essentials Leadership Resources" section online at www.trainingtimothys.com

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- B) **Faith & Evidence**

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- A) **Noah's Faith**: *Rational & based on a relationship*
- B) **Abraham's Faith**: *Rational & based on evidence*
- C) **Moses' & Rahab's Faith**: *God ensured enough evidence for their faith*
- D) **David's Faith**: *God ensures that evidence keeps pace with our tests-1 Cor 10:13*
- E) **Gideon's Faith**: *God is glad to provide the evidence we need for our faith*
- F) **Testing vs. Trusting God**

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- A) **Christ's Perspective on Faith & Evidence**
 - A.1) His Willingness to Give Signs to Authenticate Himself
 - A.2) His Condemnation of Pharisees' Request
 - A.3) Primary Target of Signs is Believers
 - A.4) Zechariah's Condemnation vs. Mary's Commendation
 - A.5) "Doubting" or "Trusting" Thomas?
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- A) **Understanding *Fideism*:** *The Worship of Contradiction*
- B) **Refuting *Fideism*:** *It's Not How God Created Things*

6:22: The Error of *Inclusivism*: *No gospel, no salvation* [8 pp.]

- A) ***Saving Faith & Inclusivism*:** *No gospel, no salvation*
- B) ***Saving Faith & Roman Catholic "Implicit" Faith*:** *No personal faith, no saving faith*

Part V: Attributes of *Biblical Faith*

6.23: The Commitment of *Biblical Faith*: *The Essence of Trusting God* [16 pp.]

- A) **The Requirements of *Biblical Faith*:** *Understanding, evaluation, & commitment of reason*
 - B) **The Human Result of *Biblical Faith*:** *Knowledge, desires, actions, hope*
 - C) ***Biblical Faith* Illustrated:** *Matt 13:18-23*
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- A) **The *Absolute Certainty of Biblical Faith***
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- A) **Living for God's Pleasure**
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 - B.1) Glorifying God Now before Humans
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