

# MESSAGE

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TITLE : THE FAITH OF CHRIST  
Text/s :

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Song/s : Living By Faith

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## INTRODUCTION

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Some messages that can be preached from this passage:

- ✓ Being Crucified with Christ
- ✓ Crucified by Living
- ✓ Not I but Christ
- ✓ The Living Christ in Me
- ✓ The Son of God Who Loved Me and Gave Himself for Me
- ✓ Living the Faith of the Son of God

John 6:57

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

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Rom 5:2

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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2 Cor 1:24

24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

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2 Cor 5:7

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

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2 Cor 5:15

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again.

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1 Peter 4:2

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

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Paul presents to us a very practical thing which we all should realize not only as individual believers but more primarily as churches. He writes this letter to the churches in Galatia and this Word of God makes us to realize that the very truth in this passage should make an entry into the churches even of today.

Gal 1:2

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

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And we say, but that's Paul. Let him live his life the way he wants and have us mind our own business.

See the following injunction he writes to churches like us today:

1 Cor 11:1

11 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

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1 Cor 4:16

16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

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Phil 3:17

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

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Phil 4:9

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

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Before we understand how to LIVE BY this faith of the Son of God, let us understand THIS FAITH of the Son of God or the faith of Christ.

Rev 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

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2 Tim 4:7-8

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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Of course, this faith of Christ made possible our salvation. This faith of Christ made its way. It came!

Gal 3:22-26

22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

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### **By the coming of this faith came also our justification**

Rom 5:1

5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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### **And by this faith, also our access into the grace of God**

Rom 5:2

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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### **We have two ways to better understand this faith...**

#### **A) The faith of our heroes (Heb 11)**

Heb 11:4-10

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

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Heb 11:17-27

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;  
26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.  
27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.  
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Heb 11:32-34

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:  
33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,  
34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.  
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But observe the faith of Enoch...

Heb 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.  
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Gen 5:22

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:  
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## **The people of faith had a walk.**

### **Abraham had this walk**

Gen 17:1

17 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.  
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### **Isaac, Jacob and the rest of their children had this walk**

Gen 48:14-15

14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.  
15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,  
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### **The children of Israel, with Moses and Joshua that this walk**

Ex 16:4

4 Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.  
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Lev 18:1-4

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,  
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.  
4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God.  
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Lev 26:3-4

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;  
4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.  
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Josh 22:5

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.  
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#### **David had this walk and Solomon was warned to have this walk**

1 Kings 3:14

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.  
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#### **Through the prophets was this walk emphasized**

Isa 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.  
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### **B) The faith of our Christ**

#### **And when Jesus came, He came walking and saying, Rise up and Walk!**

John 8:12

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.  
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Matt 4:23-25

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.  
24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.  
25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.  
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1 John 2:6

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.  
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1 John 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

How did Jesus walk His faith?

- The faith of Christ is all about being in Father's business

Luke 2:49

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

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- The faith of Christ is all about doing the Father's will

John 4:34

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

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- The faith of Christ is doing what the Father does

John 5:19

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

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- The faith of Christ is doing the work the Father gave

John 5:36

36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

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- The faith of Christ is having the Father's Doctrine

John 7:16

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

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- The faith of Christ is speaking as the Father taught

John 8:28

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

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John 12:49-13:1

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

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- The faith of Christ is doing the Father's Commandment to death

John 10:18

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

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John 17:4

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

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- The faith of Christ is not doing his own will but the will of Him who sent

John 6:38

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

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John 5:30

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

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Phil 2:7-8

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

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- The faith of Christ pleased the father

Rom 15:3

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

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John 8:29

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

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1 Thess 4:1

4 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

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1 John 3:22

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

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