

# Righteousness by Faith: The Faith of Jesus

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Text: Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

## Faith of, in or to Jesus?

Reference verse: Revelation 14:12

1. How do the following Bible versions discuss Jesus and faith?

NIV \_\_\_\_\_

ESV \_\_\_\_\_

Tyndale \_\_\_\_\_

KJV & NKJV \_\_\_\_\_

YLT \_\_\_\_\_

Douay-Rheims \_\_\_\_\_

Reference verses: Mark 5:25-34

2. What did you notice about faith in this story of the woman who was healed from her flow of blood?

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“The faith of Jesus.’ It is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus, that belongs to the third angel’s message? Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that he might become our sin-pardoning Saviour. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take his righteousness. And faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus.” – Ellen White, *Selected Messages, vol. 3, 172*

Reference verses: Mark 4:35-41

3. How does the storm demonstrate the faith of Jesus?

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## Paul’s Use of the Faith of Jesus

Reference verses: Galatians 2:16, 20-21; 3:22; Romans 3:21-22

4. Read the above verses from a modern translation and the King James version of the Bible. What reading is more impactful on your understanding of faith?

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5. In what ways are your understandings of faith strengthened by the following quotes?

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“He imparts to us His own faithfulness. This He does by giving us Himself. So that we do not have to get righteousness which we ourselves manufacture; but to make the matter doubly sure, the Lord imparts to us in Himself the faith by which we appropriate His righteousness. Thus the faith of Christ must bring the righteousness of God, because the possession of that faith is the possession of the Lord himself. This faith is dealt to every man, even as Christ gave Himself to every man. Do you ask what then can prevent every man from being saved? The answer is, Nothing, except the fact that all men will not keep the faith. If all would keep all that God gives them, all would be saved.” – E.J. Waggoner, *Waggoner on Romans*, 3.69.

“The third angel’s message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness.” – Ellen White, *Selected Messages, vol. 3*, 172

**Faith and Commandments**

6. How does the Ellen White’s statement regarding the commandments help you understand the connection between faith and the Law?

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“Jesus takes up the commandments separately, and explains the depth and breadth of their requirement. Instead of removing one jot of their force, He shows how far-reaching their principles are, and exposes the fatal mistake of the Jews in their outward show of obedience. He declares that by the evil thought or the lustful look the law of God is transgressed. One who becomes a party to the least injustice is breaking the law and degrading his own moral nature. Murder first exists in the mind. He who gives hatred a place in his heart is setting his feet in the path of the murderer, and his offerings are abhorrent to God. The righteousness which Christ taught is conformity of heart and life to the revealed will of God. Sinful men can become righteous only as they have faith in God and maintain a vital connection with Him. Then true godliness will elevate the thoughts and ennoble the life. Then the external forms of religion accord with the Christian's internal purity. Then the ceremonies required in the service of God are not meaningless rites, like those of the hypocritical Pharisees.” – Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, 310

7. Whose faith do you live by and why?

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