

Faith is Never Alone

John 3:31-36

A Painter's Contrast

He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. - **John 3:31**

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Who are you going to trust?

He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. - **John 3:32**

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. – **Hebrews 12:25**

He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'" – **Luke 16:31**

Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. - **John 3:33**

The Spirit

For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. - **John 3:34**

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; [...] ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [...] ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. – **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Belief and Obedience

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. - **John 3:35**

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. - **John 3:36**

we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. – **Galatians 2:16**

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight - **Romans 3:20**

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

and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. [...] For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. – **James 2:23-24,26**

So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. – **Matthew 7:17-18**

We are saved by faith alone, but faith is never alone.

Profession of faith is not necessarily a possession of faith.