

Sola Fide

Intro:

Matt 16:13-15 (what comes to your mind when I say **Christ** is the most important thing about you.)

Problem:

Faith ALONE means...

Acts 16:25-33 - what must I do to be saved? Believe...and...that's it (we are saved by faith alone)

James 2:18-24 salvation through Faith alone does not mean that faith remains alone
(21) refers to Gen 22:9 the fulfillment
(23) refers to Gen 15 of faith

What did Paul mean when he told the jailer to believe? What does faith ALONE mean?

Main Idea:

faith apart from striving

Faith apart from status

Faith apart from self-righteousness

For striving never saved anyone

Status never saved anyone

And self-righteousness never saved anyone

Christ has

Implication:

Heb 11:1-3 assurance and conviction do not come from an AND

Application:

Heb 11:6 (Jn 14:6) Who or what are you relying on for salvation?

Articles for further study:

<http://www.barabbas.com/messages/sola/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/genesis-11b-12a.pdf>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/sola-fide.html>

<https://www.imb.org/2017/10/10/sola-fide-changes-everything/>

<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/faith-and-works/>

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Text:

Faith apart from striving

Rom. 3:27 ¶ Then what becomes of our **boasting**? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of **works**? No, but by the law of faith.

Rom. 3:28 For we hold that one is justified by faith **apart from works** of the law.

Rom 3:21-26 (*faith alone= apart from striving*)

Eph 2:8-10 (*faith alone = no one can boast(10)James*)

1 Cor 1:26-31 (*faith alone = God in His proper place*)

Faith apart from status

Rom. 3:29 **Or is God the God of Jews only?** Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Rom. 3:30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Rom 2:25-3:1, 9 (*faith alone = apart from status*)

Gal 5:1-6 (*Faith alone = apart from ritual*)

Gal 2:1-16 (*faith alone = others in their proper place*)

And faith apart from self-righteousness

Rom. 3:31 **Do we then overthrow the law by this faith?** By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Rom 3:19-20 (*faith alone = apart from self-righteousness*)

Matt 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; 17:20 (mk 9:29)

(*faith alone = self in its proper place*)

Matt 18:1-4 (*faith alone = no illusion - helplessness reaching out in dependence*)

(*It is not the amount of our faith*

that saves us but the object - Faith is not a magic force - it is ordinary conviction and assurance placed in an extraordinary God - you cannot be saved by Christ AND something else

For striving never saved anyone

Rom. 4:1 ¶ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?

Rom. 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to **boast** about, but not before God.

Rom. 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham **believed** God (not in God), and it was **counted** to him **as righteousness.**”

Rom. 4:4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not **counted** as a gift but as his due.

Rom. 4:5 And to the one who does not work but **believes** in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **counted as righteousness,**

Rom. 4:6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God **counts righteousness apart from works:**

Rom. 4:7 ¶ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered;

Rom. 4:8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not **count** his sin.”

Gal 3:1-6 (*faith has always been alone*)

Col 2:16-23 (*striving is worthless*)

Status never saved anyone

Rom. 4:9 ¶ Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or **also for the uncircumcised**? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

Rom. 4:10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but **before he was circumcised.**

Rom. 4:11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had **by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,**

Rom. 4:12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Gal 3:7-9; 26-29 (*faith has always been alone*)

Lk 4:16-30; 8:19-21(*shockingly so*)

And self-righteousness never saved anyone

Rom. 4:13 ¶ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through **the law but through the righteousness of faith.**

Rom. 4:14 For if it is the adherents of **the law** who are to be the heirs, **faith** is null and the promise is void.

Rom. 4:15 For **the law** brings wrath, but where there is no **law** there is no transgression.

Rom. 4:16 ¶ That is why it depends on **faith (alone)**, in order that the promise may rest on **grace (alone)** and be guaranteed to **all his offspring (thru Christ alone)**—not only to the adherent of **the law** but also to the one who shares the **faith** of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

Rom. 4:17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Rom. 4:18 In hope he **believed** against hope, that he should become **the father of many nations**, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

Rom. 4:19 He did not weaken in **faith** when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

Rom. 4:20 No **unbelief** made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his **faith** as he gave glory to God,

Rom. 4:21 fully **convinced** that God was able to do what he had promised.

Rom. 4:22 That is why his **faith** was “counted to him as righteousness.”

Gal 3:10-22 (*faith has always been alone*)

Christ has

Rom. 4:23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone,

Rom. 4:24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who **believe** in him who **raised** from the dead Jesus our Lord,

Rom. 4:25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Implication/application