

FOLLOWING TOGETHER
Part 2: A FOLLOWER'S FAITH
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"... in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:5 (NIV)

LEARNING FROM TWO MISSIONARIES AND A JAILER

"After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them."

Acts 16:23-25 (NIV)

"Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

Acts 16:26-28 (NIV)

TWO COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SAVING FAITH

FAITH _____ WORKS

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

"Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent.'" John 6:29 (NIV)

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...." Titus 3:4-5

- My _____ (works) have _____ to do with my salvation.
- Therefore, since I am saved by _____ through _____, I don't have to do anything.
- Result: Negative _____

FAITH _____ WORKS

"You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ... You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone."

• My _____ (works) are manifestation of my faith.

Faith entails both _____ in the Good News and _____

_____ to the truth of the Good News.

• Therefore, since I am saved by grace through a faith that works, my life exhibits:

• Result: A lived belief prompted by _____ and _____ for God's grace.

FAITH _____ WORKS

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder." James 2:14-19 (NIV)

- My _____ (works) have _____ to do with my salvation. I believe and I have to work in order to deserving God's favor.
- Therefore, since I am saved by _____ through _____, and my _____, I have to do everything I can to _____ God's grace.
- Result: Service prompted by _____ and a desire to make God _____.

