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Thoughts produce feelings - feelings move us to action

Faith is a noun! The verb of faith is believe. When you hear a word of truth, what you retain from that message is your faith. Another word for faith could be understanding.

Galatians 2

*16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed **in Jesus Christ**, that we might be justified by **the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

It is the understanding Christ possesses, that we retain, that gives us righteousness.

Christ the Prophet is foretold. The people are to hearken unto Him

Deut. 18

15 The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desired of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Acts 3

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

How is Christ like Moses?

Deut. 5

1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here

alive this day.

4 The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

5 **(I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;)**...

(Spoken by the people)

27 **Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.**

28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 **But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.**

Moses did not protect them from God but brought God's words to them! This is a picture of Christ. He does not protect us from God but brings His Father's understanding to those who have ears to heart.

1 John 2

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** <g3875> with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

g3875. παράκλητος paráklētos; gen. paraklētou, masc. noun from parakalēō (G3870), to comfort, encourage or exhort. It is properly a verbal adj. referring to an aid of any kind. Used in John 14:6, 26 ; 15:26 ; 16:7 as **COMFORTER!**

John 20

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose so ever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained (unto you).

If we cannot forgive and let go of what has been done to us then we own the sin.

Hebrews 9

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear **the second time without sin** unto salvation.

When Christ returns He is not carrying bitterness, resentment, or anger toward this world. If He could forgive them while on the cross He most certainly can forgive them today.

Matthew 24

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's

sake those days shall be shortened.

Ephesians 4

11 And he gave (to) some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting (empowering) of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

The ministry of the body of Christ is to minister to love to itself until the fullness of Christ is within each believer.