

Faith and Works

A name inherited

Hebrews 1

1 God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Christ's Superiority to Angels

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

What name did the Son of God inherit? The Father's name is **YHWH (h3068)**.

John 1

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Genesis 18

1 And the **LORD** appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

Exodus 24

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

10 And **they saw the God of Israel**: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also **they saw God**, and did eat and drink.

12 And the **LORD** said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

God is one

Mark 12

The Great Commandment

(Matt. 22:34- 40; Luke 10:25- 28)

28 *And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?*

29 *And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, **Hear, O Israel; The LORD our God is one LORD:***

30 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*

31 *And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*

The Shema

Deuteronomy 6

4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God (h430 – plural for God) is one LORD:*

5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy **God** with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

6 *And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:*

7 *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

8 *And thou shalt bind them for a **sign upon thine hand**, and they shall be as **frontlets between thine eyes.***

The hand is a symbol of works and the forehead symbolizes faith, or understanding.

Be a doer

James 1

16 *Do not err, my beloved brethren.*

17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

18 *Of his own will begat (q616 – generate) he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

19 *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:*

20 *For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.*

21 *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

23 *For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:*

24 *For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.*

25 *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

James 2

14 *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?*

Salvation is allowing God to lift up our guilt, shame, anger, resentment, and bitterness.

15 *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,*

16 *And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

17 ***Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.***

18 *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without (apart from) thy works, and I will show thee my faith by (out of) my works.*

19 *Thou believest that there is one God (or **God is One**); thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

20 *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

21 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?*

22 *Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?*

23 *And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*

24 *Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*

25 *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?*

26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead also.***

One in Christ

John 17

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

*22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:***

*23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that **thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.***