

TRUE FAITH

Exposition of Romans, XLI

Romans 10:14-21



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INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT TRUE FAITH IS *NOT* – COUNTERFEITS TO TRUE FAITH

*Colossians 1:27 – To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

A. Intellectualism - Ideas about God

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! James 2:19

B. Gnosticism - Knowledge of secret things

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3

C. Me-ism - Experience/feelings

For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Colossians 2:9-10

D. Church-ism – Denominational Righteousness

For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? 1 Corinthians 3:3-4

E. Moralism/Legalism

For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Romans 10:3

II. WHAT TRUE FAITH IS

A. True Faith begins with a word from God

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63

B. True Faith Continues with Belief in the Truth

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

C. True Faith is completed with receiving Jesus Christ

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20

III. WHAT TRUE FAITH DEMANDS OR WARNS

CONCLUSION