

## “One Faith”

The words of the apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:5 are often “wrested” by people who endorse the multiplicity of churches in the world, but it is “unto their own destruction” (II Peter 3:16) that they wrest them. Many who teach “one Lord” inconsistently teach “many faiths” in him. The God of the New Testament is “not the author of confusion” (I Corinthians 14:33). He has made it clear that the faith that saves (Ephesians 2:8)...

**Is based firmly on evidence** (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is not “a leap in dark” beyond facts, but is based on truth (II Timothy 2:18).

**Is the result of hearing God’s word** (Romans 10:17). Every rational faith (belief) results from learning. Faith in Jesus results from learning the facts about Jesus (Mark 16:15-16; John 20:30-31).

**Refuses, forsakes and goes** (Hebrews 11:8, 24, 27). One not willing to leave sin and obey Jesus has no saving faith (Luke 14:25-33).

**Makes children of God** (Galatians 3:26). Only those who, having heard the evidence, and believed it enough to turn from selfish ways to obey God (John 14:15) are truly in His house (I Timothy 3:15).

**Makes righteous** (Hebrews 11:7). Only faith that is evidenced by obedience is counted for righteousness (Romans 4:3).

Paul’s statement that “There is ... one faith” means a great deal more than simply to agree that Jesus actually lived. By such agreement many call themselves Christians and believe that they are saved. The “one faith” which saves requires more of us (James 2:14-24).

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