

GENUINE FAITH
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1 TIMOTHY 1:4-6 (KJV, NLT)

The Christian life is all about love, a clear conscience and unfeigned or genuine faith. False teachers turned away from emphasizing these important truths to lead people down the path of useless reasoning, or teaching that doesn't promote what's really important. **ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14**

IMPORTANCE OF FAITH – HEBREWS 4:1-2

- Saved. **EPHESIANS 2:8**
- Receive the Spirit. **GALATIANS 3:14**
- Access grace. **ROMANS 5:2**
- Fight. **1 TIMOTHY 6:12**
- Walk. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:7**
- Live. **ROMANS 1:17**
- Kept. **1 PETER 1:5**
- Sanctified. **ACTS 26:18**
- Overcome. **1 JOHN 5:4**
- Please God. **HEBREWS 11:6**
- Stand. **1 CORINTHIANS 16:13**
- Strengthened. **ROMANS 4:20**
- Justified. **ROMANS 5:1**
- Move Mountains. **MATTHEW 21:21**
- Forgive. **LUKE 17:3-6**
- Healed. **JAMES 5:14-16**
- Receive. **JAMES 1:5-8**
- Sonship. **GALATIANS 3:26**
- Blessed. **GALATIANS 3:9**
- Quench Satan's darts. **EPHESIANS 6:16**

OUR FAITH HAS AN AUTHOR - HEBREWS 12:1-2

- Author is also translated source, founder, initiator, pioneer, originator – His name is Jesus.
- **NUMBERS 14:40-45** – We are not our own source for faith.

THE DANGER OF IMITATION FAITH - ACTS 19:13-16

- These traveling Jews tried to imitate Paul's faith, and do what he did. Their imitation faith didn't work, and they got beat up for their efforts.
- Faith works, but imitating someone else's genuine faith can be dangerous. People have taken their children off medicine, have removed their glasses, refused medical help, and got beat up by the devil. Does this mean faith doesn't work? It worked for Jesus and Paul.

RHEMA VS LOGOS – EPHESIANS 6:17

- The logos is the written Word of God. By it, we learn about God, His character, His ways, salvation and plan for man. Rhema is God speaking to us. This can come by the Spirit quickening the logos, or by speaking directly to us. For example: **EXODUS 8:1** is a rhema for Pharaoh, whereas **EXODUS 14:15-16** is a rhema for Moses and Israel. The Egyptians tried to imitate the faith of Moses by crossing the Red Sea. It's dangerous to do what God told someone else to do.
- **JOHN 21:21-22** – Jesus had a rhema for Peter and John. Peter was told to mind his own business.
- Peter was told to "come." **MATTHEW 14:28-31** – Even when we get a rhema, we will be challenged to doubt.