

# GENUINE FAITH – 9

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### REVIEW:

- Genuine faith is based on God’s Word – written, spoken, even perceived.
- What Paul perceived was ignored by the captain of the ship.
- Human reasoning was exalted above God’s witness.
- Cutting the ropes that tie us to reason and logic is difficult.

### CONTINUE: MARK 4:23-24

What we hear is what we develop faith in. If what we hear is wrong, then we’ll believe wrong.

### MY INSPIRATION

1. What students said at a School Board meeting: “Christians should go to another school,” and “separation of church and state.”
2. Board members and Superintendent didn’t know the constitution.
3. David Barton’s video “Your Vote Counts.”
  - A. Article on election day sermons.

### THE PURPOSE

1. Not to tell people who to vote for.
2. To explain to voters and rulers from scripture what a nation must do in order to experience the blessings of God.

### WHAT KIND OF NATION DOES GOD EXALT AND BLESS?

**PSALMS 33:12** – Any nation that chooses to honor the Lord.

**PROVERBS 14:34** – Any nation that promotes righteousness.

### OBSERVATIONS FROM PROVERBS 14:34

1. Righteousness – Godly character that promotes moral and ethical conduct.

2. Exalt – To elevate and remain elevated.
3. Sin – Violating the laws of God.
4. Reproach – To express disapproval or disappointment.

## **GOD’S PLAN TO PROMOTE RIGHTEOUSNESS INVOLVES INSTITUTIONS**

1. The Throne. **PSALMS 89:14 (GW) HEBREWS 1:8-9**
2. The home. **DEUTERONOMY 6:6-8**
3. The church. **EPHESIANS 4:11-13**
4. Government. **ROMANS 13:1-5 (MSG, GW)**

## **THE PATTERN FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

1. Revealed in God’s Word. **ROMANS 1:16-17**
2. Known through God’s Word. **2 TIMOTHY 3:14-16**
3. Experienced through Jesus Christ. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**
4. Promoted by God’s people. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20**

## **THE PRACTICE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

1. Those who rule.
  - A. Develop righteousness as their political platform.
  - B. Determine righteousness as the basis of all legislation.
  - C. Support God–given unchangeable realities – sanctity of life, sanctity of the family, the expression of God in public places.
2. The governed, or the people are to cooperate with the rulers by practicing personal righteousness themselves.
  - A. When righteousness is practiced among the rulers and the people, there will be reasons to rejoice. When the unrighteous rule, the people mourn. **PROVERBS 29:2**

**CONCLUSION: ISAIAH 9:6-7, 1 CORINTHIANS 6:2-3**