

Faith Makes Us Right With God

One of the most important aspects of our faith is how it changes us in the sight of God.

Throughout the Old Testament, people tried to work to get right in the sight of God. Because of the sinful nature of humanity, it never worked.

Because of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, we can be made righteous through faith in Him. We can't have right standing with God because of what we do or don't do. It is only because of what Jesus has done for us.

In this faith lesson, you'll read some foundational Scriptures about how our faith makes us right with God. And how our faith in Jesus makes us **holy, blameless, and above reproach**.

Foundational Bible Verses

"Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

Genesis 15:6 NIV

"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight"

Colossians 1:21-22 NKJV

"And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:24 NIV

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

"For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

Hebrews 10:14

Faith makes us holy

Holy means that we are set apart for God, and exclusively His.

We are dedicated and consecrated to the service of God (Louw and Nida Greek-English Lexicon)

We were previously separated from God, now we are separated for God as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:14-16 NKJV

"In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

2 Timothy 2:20-22 NIV

Faith makes us blameless

The Greek word used for blameless means unblemished.

It was used for Old Testament worship and sacrifices.

We are now without fault, and free from blame.

In the New Testament, the word blameless describes the sinless perfection of Christ, and Christians. We were made blameless through the blood of Jesus.

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our^[a] conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Hebrews 9:14 ESV

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love”

Ephesians 1:4 NIV

“That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:27 NKJV

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.”

Jude 1:24 NKJV

“And in their mouth was found no ^[a]deceit, for they are without fault ^[b]before the throne of God.”

Revelation 14:5 NKJV

Faith makes us above reproach

Being above reproach is a term that you'd use in a courtroom. It describes someone who can't be accused of any wrongdoing. This is slightly different than faith making us blameless.

Being blameless means that our internal state is of total purity before God. Being above reproach means that no charges can be brought against us to change that fact.

“In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.”

Colossians 1:22 NKJV

Questions to think about

Think about the fact that you have been declared righteous before God. How does that change the way you live and walk with God?

If someone doesn't understand that they are righteous, how could that affect their life?

Do you have a hard time accepting the fact that you're holy, blameless, and above reproach?

What action steps can you take in the next 1-2 weeks?
