

# FAITH THAT SAVES

2 Timothy 4:7



# FAITH NOT WORKS

- There are numerous clear statements about the connection between faith and salvation (Eph. 2:8; Mk. 16:16; Heb. 11:6).
- In stories of conversion, it is part of the climax of the story (Acts 8:36-38; 16:31).
- Additionally, it is contrasted with salvation by works (Rom. 3:28; 4:1-5; Gal. 2:16; 3:2).



# JUSTIFIED BY WORKS

- But there are also connections between salvation and works (Jas. 2:24).
- Even in the same contexts as Paul says NOT works (Rom. 2:6-7).
- Good works are spoken of in terms of accounting (1 Tim. 6:18-19).
- Consider the mention of works throughout Revelation 2 and 3.
- Works form the foundations of God's judgment (1 Pet. 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:10).



# WHAT IS FAITH?

- There are many definitions.
- We can rule out a number of ideas (Jas. 2:15-19; Matt. 4:6; Rom. 8:28).
- God has faith (Rom. 3:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:13; Heb. 10:23; 1 Pet. 4:19; 1 Jn. 1:9).
- The Septuagint is helpful here (1 Chron. 9:22, 26, 31; Prov. 3:3; 12:17, 22; 14:22; Jer. 5:1, 3; 7:28; 9:23; 15:18; 40:6).

