

THE ORANGE CONNECTION



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Pastor Dillon and Pastor Shannon - Faith Alone

1.) How would you define faith?

2.) Have you ever made a decision or done something based on faith? What was the decision and why did you make it?

Andy Stanley says, "Faith is the confidence that God is going to do what he promised and God is who he claims to be." (Also see Hebrews 11:1)

Read Ephesians 2:8-9, James 2:14-25

Going Deeper: read more about "Faith Alone" (Galatians 3, Romans 1:17, 3:28-30, 4:5)

3.) What role does faith play in our salvation?

4.) What is the difference between Paul and James?

5.) How would you reply to someone if they said, "you have to work or keep the 10 commandments to earn your salvation?"

Read Matthew 7:15-20

Martin Luther said, "As the trees are, so are the fruits they bear... good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works; evil works do not make a wicked man, but a wicked man does evil works."

6.) How do you understand this explanation?

Application

John Calvin remarks that, "faith alone first engenders love in us." Faith is the root that produces every good thing in the life of those who belong to Jesus Christ.

7.) How does your faith in Jesus Christ engender love in you? How do you see faith catalyzing or producing good works in your life?

"I greatly fear that after we have laid our head to rest, it will soon be forgotten and will again disappear...and indeed we cannot grasp or exhaust Christ, the eternal Righteousness, with one sermon or thought; for to learn to appreciate Him is an everlasting lesson which we shall not be able to finish either in this or in yonder life."

-Martin Luther

8.) Why is faith alone so central and vital to our relationship to Christ as believers?