

How “Faith Healing” Really “Works”

A 6-Part OptiHealth “DIY” Program

Part 5: The Credit

Faith without works is dead, meaning: Faith without the works of faith is dead.

Faith WITH the works of faith is: LIFE & HEALTH

And since: “Faith without works is dead,” it is also true that: Works without faith is dead.

The two work together. They can not be separated as in: “Faithful Servant” A faithful servant trusts and obeys his wise and loving Master, and he is blessed in the process.

Christians are not called to be Self-Serving “Servants,” nor “Faithful” (presuming) Rebels.

The following Bible verses illustrate the synergistic relationship between faith and works (the works of faith and the faith of righteous works – obedience).

White/black words express the “**faith**” aspect,

Black/gray words express the “**work**” aspect.

Keep in mind the definition of **faith**: Hebrews 11:1 – Now **faith** is the **substance** of things **hoped for**, the **evidence** of things **not seen**.

- **Hebrews 11:6** - But without **faith** it is impossible to **please** him: for he that **cometh** to God must **believe** that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently **seek** him.
- **Psalms 111:10** - The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**: a good **understanding** (deep faith) have all they that **do** his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.
- **Galatians 2:20** - I am **crucified** with Christ: nevertheless I **live**; yet not I, but **Christ liveth** in me: and the life which I now **live** in the flesh I **live** by the **faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
- **Luke 9:23-24** - And he said to them all, If any man will **come** after me, let him **deny** himself, and **take** up his cross daily, and **follow** me. For whosoever will **save** his life shall **lose** it: but whosoever will **lose** his life **for my sake**, the same shall **save** it.
- **John 15:5** - I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth** in me, and I in him, the same **bringeth forth** much fruit: for without me ye can **do** nothing.
- **Galatians 5:22-25** - But the fruit of the **Spirit** is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith** (faithfulness), **meekness, temperance**: against such there is no law. And they that **are Christ's** have **crucified** the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we **live** in the **Spirit** (born again), let us also **walk** in the **Spirit**.
- **Matthew 5:11-12** - **Blessed** are ye, when men shall **revile** you, and **persecute** you, and shall say all manner of **evil** against you falsely, **for my sake**. **Rejoice**, and be exceeding **glad**: for great is your **reward** in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- **Job 13:15-16** - Though he **slay** me, yet will I **trust** in him: but I will **maintain** mine own **ways** before him. He also shall be my **salvation**: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.
- **Colossians 1:27-28** - To whom God would make **known** what is the riches of the **glory** of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the **hope of glory**: Whom we **preach, warning** every man, and **teaching** every man in all **wisdom**; that we may **present** every man **perfect in Christ Jesus**:
- **2 Peter 1:3-4** - According as **his divine power** hath given unto us all things that pertain unto **life** and **godliness**, through the **knowledge** of him that hath **called** us to **glory** and **virtue**: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious **promises**: that by *[acting in faith on]* **these** ye might be **partakers** of the **divine nature**, having **escaped** the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- **Ephesians 2:8-10** - For by **grace** (forgiving and empowering grace) are ye *[healed and]* **saved** through **faith** (devoted, active faith); and **that** not of yourselves: **it** is the **gift** of God: Not of *[faithless]* works, lest any man should boast. For we are his **workmanship, created** (re-born and nurtured) **in Christ** Jesus unto **good works** (the works of faith, faithfulness), which God hath before ordained that we should **walk** in them.
- **Isaiah 64:8** - But now, O LORD, thou art our **father**; we are the **clay**, and thou our **potter**; and we all are the **work** of thy **hand**.
- **Revelation 19:7-8** - Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath **made herself ready**. And to her was **granted** that she should be **arrayed in fine linen**, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness** (obedience) of *[the]* saints. (The **good** and **faithful** servants.)

The biblical principles for healing and salvation are the same. Life and health are gifts from God, but His blessings are conditional. Simply **trust** and **obey** by **faith** (out of your love for and trust in God) and the blessings will follow.

The **blessings** of God – healing and salvation – are in the **obedience** to God’s natural and moral laws. And the **obedience** is by **faith** in the **grace** of God & Christ.

In fact, **Therapeutic Lifestyle Change** by **faith** is the Christian’s training ground in **sanctification** for the glory of God!

- **Revelation 14:7** - Saying with a loud voice, **Fear** God, and give **glory** to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship** him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
- **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** - Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear** God, and **keep** his commandments: for this is the **whole** duty of man. For God shall bring every **work** into judgment, with every **secret thing**, whether it be **good**, or whether it be **evil**.
- **Revelation 15:4** - Who shall not **fear** thee, O Lord, and **glorify** thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and **worship** before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

What greater motivation and reward could you possibly need or want for succeeding in therapeutic lifestyle change?

For the truly converted Christian: There is **NO EXCUSE** for an unhealthy lifestyle.

For the truly converted Christian: There is NO EXCUSE for sin.

- **Desire of Ages, 311.3**
 - The tempter's agency is not to be accounted an excuse for one wrong act. Satan is jubilant when he hears the professed followers of Christ making excuses for their deformity of character.
 - It is these excuses that lead to sin. There is no excuse for sinning. A **holy temper[ament]**, a **Christlike life**, is accessible to every **repenting**, **believing** child of God.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away (the "old man" is dead): behold, all things (regarding the "new man") are become new.
- **Titus 2:13-14** - **Looking** for that blessed **hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar people**, zealous of **good works**.
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** - Wherefore **seeing** we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside** every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us **run** with **patience** the **race** that is set before us, **Looking** unto Jesus the author and finisher of our **faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

God and His Son, Jesus Christ **do** all the real **work** for our salvation.

Our only part is to truly and fully **believe** in God and His Son, Jesus Christ – having **faith** in Their wisdom, desire, and ability to save us.

Faith on our part is needed simply to **allow** God and Christ to **do** the real **work** for us, in us and through us – to **change** us into the sons and daughters of God (which we were originally created to be).

- **John 3:16-17** - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but **have** everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be **saved**.
- **Colossians 1:29** - Whereunto I **also labour**, **striving according** to **his working**, which **worketh** in me mightily.
- **Ephesians 2:8** - For by **grace** are ye **saved** through **faith**; and **that** not of yourselves: **it** is the **gift** of God:

Life & Health, and even a sinless character, despite our fallen sinful nature, are freely available to anyone who will **take** (accept) them by **faith**.

- **Revelation 22:17** - And the **Spirit** and the bride **say**, Come. And let him that **heareth say**, Come. And let him that is **athirst come**. And whosoever will **come**, let him **take** the water of life freely.

All to the glory (credit) of God!

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