



## TRUSTING JESUS IS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION

Romans 5:12-19

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Good morning church! We have studied that Paul's goal in his ministry was "bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of God's name among all the nations", including FBCC. How we do that is to obey His Mission and adopt Our Vision: We share the gospel w/ the lost to make disciples, then mature disciples through a discipleship process and bear fruit (good works) by being obedient to Christ's commands and growing with other believers. Lastly, we multiply disciples by reproducing that fruit as we support, send, and set people into the ministry positions to reach neighbors and nations. I believe that it is spiritually healthy for a person to evaluate one's beliefs. Today, we will look at how we can be encouraged by Affirming Your Faith. A question we must ask is "how do we know that Jesus is God" and "whether Christ's work of atonement is necessary for the salvation of those who believe?" Christ's redeeming work is set forth clearly in Romans 5 where the redemptive act of Christ in salvation is connected with the act of Adam in universal condemnation.

### **Romans 5:12-19,**

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— **13** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

**18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.."

"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." **Genesis 2:17**

## **1. God's ASSURANCE of Salvation Gives Us CONFIDENCE. (v. 17-19)**

"Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." **John 6:70**

- God has a PLAN and PURPOSE for your salvation.

## **2. The Holy Spirit's SECURITY of Salvation is FOREVER. (v. 17-19)**

- The RESULT of Jesus' act of obedience is the REWARD of righteousness for man.

"We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." **1 John 5:19**

## **3. The Son of God's SOLUTION was His Atoning Death on the CROSS. (v. 17-19)**

The Baptist Faith and Message summarizes Jesus as:

"the eternal Son of God ... perfectly revealed and did the will of God. He identified Himself completely with mankind, yet never sinned ... substitutionary death ... to redeem man... and is now exalted at the right hand of God. The One Mediator ... who will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission ... He is the living and ever present Lord."

The 2000 Baptist Faith & Message, II. God, B. God the Son

An abundant entrance into eternal heaven is the hope and reality for every Christian who lives a faithful, fruitful life here on earth. A Christian enjoys assurance in the present tense, but also a full, rich reward in the future life. We can know this for sure because of what Jesus did for us! Amen. Do you know Him today?