

## WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE

This article is the first in a series on the plan of salvation. We shall be looking to see what the Bible, God's inspired word, says about it.

When a person wants to learn how to drive a car they obtain a driver's manual. On one of the pages it will tell them that they should not speed to be a safe driver. On another page it will tell them about proper braking distances. Another page will tell them they should use their turn signals if they want to be a safe driver, and another page will tell them how to properly pass another vehicle. This does not mean that these different viewpoints of being a safe driver are in contradiction to each other, but instead they complement each other and are pieces of a puzzle that make a bigger picture of what a safe driver should look like.

In the Bible you will not find any contradictions between the various writers on the plan of salvation. One writer may emphasize faith, while another inspired writer may talk about hearing God's word, another about repentance, or confession or baptism. God did not predestine the man, but the plan. God has not determined your eternity beyond your control, but God has given you every possible opportunity to be reconciled to Him. Faith is the foundation of the plan of salvation. Faith is the foundation of each step in God's plan.

If I were to summarize my whole life of faith into a few points, I would narrow it down to these four:

1. God created.
2. Jesus was God in the flesh.
3. Jesus died and resurrected.
4. I shall resurrect also.

As we go through the plan of salvation, you will find out that each step will be based on these four things.

What I believe about God is based on evidence, and it certainly is not based on a lack of intelligence. It is supported by history, archaeology, and science. I believe in a creation that had to be well planned by the most intelligent mind ever. What I believe in is based on my understanding that there is someone, whom I call God, who loves me. My faith is not founded upon a church or its preacher. It is not based on a doctrine. My faith is based on Jesus Christ.

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