

simply have faith in Christ and there is nothing else I have to do and I will ~~be~~ be saved through all eternity! How could that be? How could I have salvation without earning it and doing something for it? And the evangelist tried to explain it and tried and tried, and finally the miners face brightened up. He said, You know when I finished work deep down in the mine, I get into a skip which is fastened to a long chain ~~xxx~~ maybe half a mile down underground, fastened to a long chain, and he said all I do is get into that skip and sit there, and that skip brings me up to the surface. I step out and it doesn't cost me a cent! But he said, It cost the company an awful lot of money to build that apparatus to bring me up.

Truly our faith is necessary for salvation, but it costs God an awful lot to make it possible for us to be saved. We put trust in what Jesus Christ did on Calvary for us and we are saved.

Fifth. Faith in God for power. We are so lacking in faith in God. Simply because we don't see him, we don't realize his tremendous power, his tremendous ability to change things as he may choose. But God wants us to step out and accomplish for Him by His power. He wants us to show faith--stepping out in order to be His instrument to accomplish what He wants.

Think of the number of Christians who believe the Scripture and yet do so little for the Lord. Who so seldom speak to anyone about how they could be saved through Christ. Who so seldom endeavor to really start something for God. Does it mean we don't have faith in God's power, in God's strength? There's no limit to what God may accomplish through us if we recognize His power and trust in Him.

Sixth. Faith in God for wisdom. We must trust His revelation. We must study it and learn what it really means. We must not have misplaced faith which we have if we jump to a superficial interpretation of something and get an idea from it that is not what God has there. We must study it, but when we learn what God's revelation teaches, when we learn what His will is, we can step out and know that we can put faith in it.

When I was a young fellow I used to hear Dr. R.A.Torrey. He was rather heavy. Dr. Torrey was a man who weighed 225 lbs. a very large man. I've heard him say this ~~xxxx~~ several times: "Every time I trust the human promises, human ideas, they have failed me. But when I have stepped out on the promises of God they have never failed." You can just see that big man stepping up off the platform. And you can imagine that which you cannot see holding him up because he was following the teachings of the Word of God.

Seventh. No, I'm not quite through with the sixth. I have an illustration from my own experience. Some years ago when I was president of a seminary in Wilmington, Delaware. At that time the transportation company introduced some new trolley busses, and these busses which ran on the street with a trolley