

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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The Commands of God Concerning "The Faith"

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These commands concerning "the faith" are worthy of serious thought.

The negative commands disprove the tentets of Calvinism for they show that you can leave, depart, error from, deny, turn away from, shipwreck, the faith on the one hand and warns us of what we need to do with the faith. This, too is opposite of Calvinism which says you cannot be lost once saved.

These Scriptures are to Christians and irrefutably prove that we must be nourished up in the faith.

Colossians 2:7, "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

1 Timothy 4:6, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."

WE SHOULD NOT:

Deny the Faith

1 Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

Turn Away from the Faith

Matthew 24:10, "At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other." (NIV)

Depart from the Faith

1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

Error from the Faith

1 Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

1 Timothy 6:21, "Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen."

2 Timothy 2:18, "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

Shipwrecked the Faith

1 Timothy 1:19, "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:"

WE SHOULD:

Be Obedient to the Faith

Acts 6:7, "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

Romans 1:5, "By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:"

Examine Ourselves Whether We are in the Faith

2 Corinthians 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"

Stand Firm in the Faith

1 Corinthians 16:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Keep Hold of the Faith

1 Timothy 3:9, "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience."

Remain in the Faith

Acts 14:22, "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

2 Timothy 4:7, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith.”

Contend for the Faith

Jude 1:3, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

