

Sola Fide: Pastor Joel Schmidgall

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*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not
by works, so that no one can boast. -*

-Ephesians 2:8-10

Faith is an active and convicted trust.

“A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result,

Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.”

—Mark 1:40-45

Faith is not a possession, it's a muscle.

Faith is not abstract. Faith is in a person.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”

—Romans 10:17

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding. But in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.”

—Proverbs 3:5-6

“It is not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that actually saves you.”

—Tim Keller

“Positive thinking is all about mind over matter. The power comes from inside me. I make the change. Biblical faith is about the power of God over matter. The power comes from God. God makes the change”

—Colin Smith

“We sing about a God who does impossible but we refuse

to do the uncomfortable.”

—Pastor Steve Andres

Faith in Jesus adds a new rung to the ladder of evolution, producing a new creature who lives in a new way.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

Confession:

I believe in God the father almighty
Maker of heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God
The Father almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit. The holy Christian church.
The communion of saints. The forgiveness of sins.
The resurrection of the body. And life everlasting. Amen.