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Faith that Saves

1 Peter 1:8 says without having seen Him we love Him. That speaks about faith. There must be talking about faith. Without looking at the previous verses you know you've found faith. It has to be something that is given to us. To ***believe*** is to have faith. Verse 9 — The outcome of the faith we've received is the salvation of our soul, which is something that is unseen. Verse 7 — Faith is something that cannot perish because it's been spoken to you. When our Father speaks to us it's ours forever — it's imperishable. When we hear the word spoken to us it goes into our heart and becomes indelible (incapable of being removed). We heard the good news one time and we were born again by the spirit. It awakened us to a spiritual birth. Verse 4 — Our inheritance is reserved where it cannot perish, in heaven where our Master Yahshua is. Our faith is based on something from Him. Our faith is His faith. That faith is secure because He spoke to us one time in our life, then we continue to live by faith. Everyday we live by what we hear. We need to hear that little bit of something that keeps us alive, having faith, hope and determination.

We love the Sabbath and can't wait for it every week, but then when it's over we have vision and can't wait to go back to work. Whatever is not done in faith is for our own glory. It's sin. It's working by our own energy not by the strength He supplies. If it's by the faith He supplies, the glory goes to Him. If it's in our own strength, the glory goes to us. We know that our faith, energy and strength come from Him. It's like the verse, "not by might, nor by power but by My Spirit says the Sovereign" (Zech 4:6).

ha-emeq — Our faith is more valuable than gold. When you see gold compared to other rocks in it's raw, natural state, it's not very beautiful. But it can be heated by fire, and this process of heating it over and over again removes the impurities and it becomes more pure. Gold has the highest value of all metals. Our faith is more valuable than that because it gets tested and tested and no matter how hot the fire gets, it remains — it's imperishable. There is a point when even gold will break down, but our faith surpasses that because it remains. So you can rejoice with joy inexpressible. When your Father speaks to you and you have faith, He's given you

something that's imperishable. You have not seen Him and yet you love Him, 1 Peter 1:8-9. So we can know that when the fire is getting hotter and hotter our souls are getting saved. Knowing that is what makes us so happy.

James 1:21 — The word He spoke to us is implanted—grafted in. Once something is grafted in, it becomes a part of us. It becomes you.

Keli — It wasn't there before, it was put there. It wasn't a part of us when we were born. Like 1 Peter 1:3 — Because of His great mercy He caused us to be born again. I was thinking about the Israelites. Because they didn't mix faith with what they heard; they didn't make it to the promised land. But because of the salvation of our souls, we will make it to the promised land.

James 1:21 — We put away all the impurities that are not of the implant. The word implanted is able to save our souls.

Sekel — I am so thankful for what we've heard today about faith. It's inevitable that without faith we'll die. I thought about how the life is in the blood. If we aren't sharing the word then faith won't come forth because faith comes by hearing. If there's no faith, there's no salvation. I'm so thankful for salvation.

Eternal life runs through our veins. We will have His spirit. It is a foretaste — We have faith now, but not like we're going to have.

In every place where His name dwells we want to lift up holy hands without wrath or dissension. All over Boston (in every town) or wherever His people are, they're in one accord, perfectly united without dissension. That leaves out everyone who is divided. I want to be included in that people that wherever they are they lift up holy hands without dissension, 2 Tim 2:8. Wherever His people gather, they gather in unity in the name of our Master Yahshua — so we can sing, pray and praise with all our hearts. If we've rested, we can enter in with all our hearts. We have nothing to hold us back from giving our all to our Master. Let's lift up our hands and give thanks to Him.