

You Can Count on Me!

Can He Depend on You?

Luke 18:7-8

Our introductory reading ends on an ominous note, “However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find **the faith** on earth?” (Emphasis reflects the Greek). **The faith** has been given “once for all,” but will it be found when Jesus returns? There is an “if” implied in the question. You and I or a future generation will supply the answer if ...

If the Faith is kept Alive

- “The Faith,” the Christian System, is of great importance!
 - Acts 6:7, 13:8, 14:22, 16:5; I Corinthians 16:13; Galatians 1:23, 3:23, 6:10; Ephesians 4:13; Philippians 1:25, 27; Colossians 1:23; I Timothy 1:2, 3:9, 13, 4:1, 6; 5:8; 6:10, 21; II Timothy 3:8; Titus 1:1, 13; 3:15; Jude 3
 - “**The faith**” is the objective God-given-guide for each Christian’s personal faith.
- Individuals must do more than a selfish “Lord, Lord” type of service (Matt. 7:21-23; Lk. 6:46)
- Walking in the light is not a walk of sinless perfection, but it is a walk of faith guided by Jesus through “**the faith**.”

And then there is Me

- Not checklist, legalistic, ceremonial obedience (Matt. 23:23)
- Not to-be-seen-of-men obedience (Matt. 6:1)
- Not convenient obedience (Acts 24:24-27)
- Not perfect obedience (I Jn. 1:9-10)
- Rather, faithful until death obedience (Rev. 2:10)
- Staying the course even while working through the struggles of faith (Lk. 18:13)
- A heart with a special place for God that will not give up the fight (II Tim. 4:7)

Thankfully, there are many who keep moving forward, who struggle at times, but stay the course. Yes, a number faithfully serve in keeping with the will of Jesus as found in “**the faith**.” However, can Jesus depend on me? Can I say in faith, not arrogance, “you can count on me!”?

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