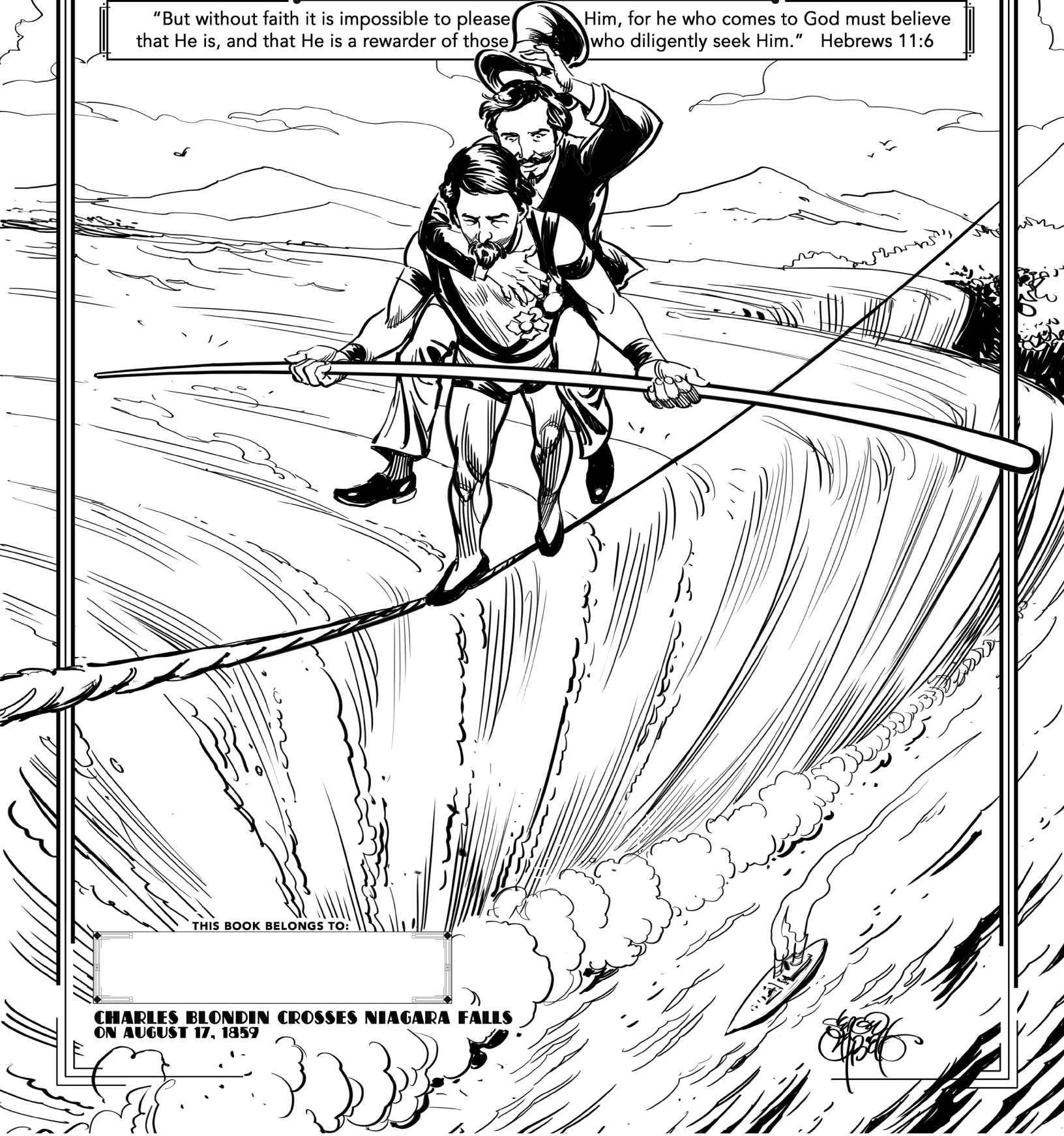


FAITH

PLEASES GOD

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6



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**CHARLES BLONDIN CROSSES NIAGARA FALLS
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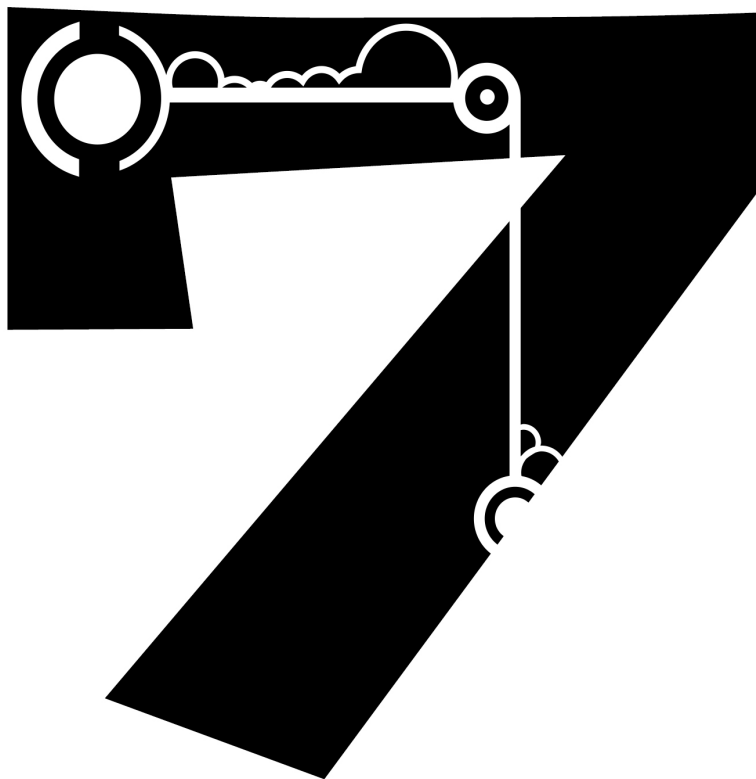
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BIBLE STUDY



Practice saying the memory verse together!

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WHAT'S THE DEFINITION OF FAITH?
Can you fill in the blanks? Go ahead and try.

"**FAITH** is _____ and _____ it, _____
how I _____, because _____ a _____."

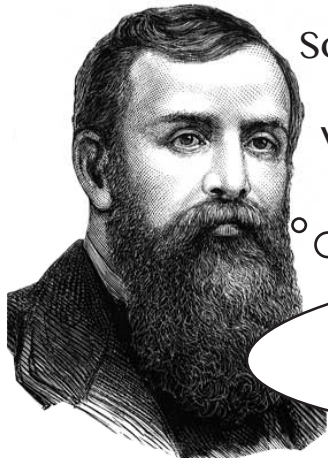
"**FAITH** is **BELIEVING GOD'S WORD**."
What does that mean?

First we read in Romans 10:17,

"So then faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the Word of God."



Often, when you hear of or meet people who are known because of their large capacity to **TRUST GOD** with things in their life, they will be people of **FAITH** and also people of **GOD'S WORD**. "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."



Some people will say, "I want to trust God." But they won't read or listen to **GOD'S WORD**. They aren't interested in or care about what **GOD** says in the **BIBLE**. Or maybe they just hold the **BIBLE** in their hands or leave it on their shelf, or carry it around.

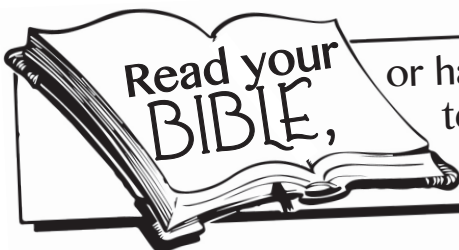
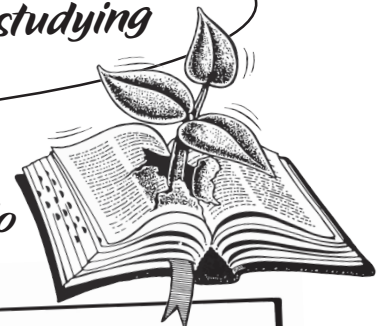
D.L. MOODY SAID,

"I used to think I should close my Bible and pray for faith; but I came to see that it was in studying the word that I was to get faith."

Do you want to grow in the Lord? Yes No

Do you want to live a life that is pleasing to GOD? Yes No

Do you want to trust GOD more? Yes No



or have someone read it to you, or listen to someone teaching about the **BIBLE**. Having **GOD'S WORDS** in your heart everyday will be a blessing to you!

As we come to **GOD'S** WORD, we develop a *relationship* with the Lord that deepens day by day. **GOD'S** WORD helps us to know **GOD** more!

Do you know that as you read and hear **GOD'S** WORD, your **FAITH** in **GOD** will grow!!

Do you want your faith in **GOD** to grow? Yes No

FAITH is **BELIEVING** **GOD'S** WORD because **TRUSTING** what someone says is the same as **TRUSTING** that person. Some may say, "Well, I **BELIEVE** **GOD**, I just don't **BELIEVE** anything He says."

THAT'S CRAZY!



So, **TRUSTING** what a person says, and **TRUSTING** a person is the same thing. **FAITH** is **BELIEVING** what **GOD** says! **GOD** and His WORD are **TRUSTWORTHY!**



GOD has things to say to each one of us. He has said some things about what He is like. **GOD** has said some things to us about how He *feels*. **GOD** has said some things about how He will **ACT** in certain situations. **GOD** has said, that if certain conditions are met and we do what He says to do, then He will do certain things. **GOD** has said some things.

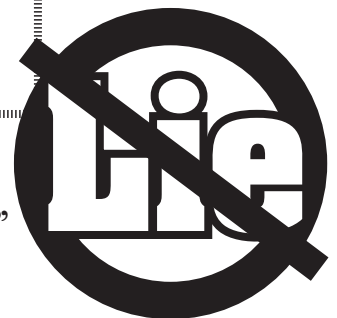
FAITH is **BELIEVING** what **GOD** has said.

Let's read again in *Titus 1:2* about something **GOD** has said.



"...in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began..."

Notice that it says, "**GOD** cannot lie." It doesn't say, **GOD** won't lie, or that **GOD** doesn't lie. It says, "**GOD** cannot lie." Everything that He says is true, and therefore **TRUSTWORTHY**.



This is something **GOD** has said. Let's read *John 3:16-17*.



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Do you **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said here in *John 3:16-17*? Yes No

Let's consider the meaning of the word **TRUST**, which is very much the same as the words **BELIEVE** and **FAITH**. When it comes to a *relationship* with **GOD**, this is a very important word.

We know from our last **STUDY** that the word "**BELIEVE**" can be used in different ways and sometimes has to do with **BELIEVING** only in our heads and not in our hearts. A head-belief is only a mental process. But, we can **BELIEVE** and know about *Jesus Christ* and still not be saved.

When the **APOSTLE PAUL** and **SILAS** were in jail and the Philippian jailer asked the question, "What must I do to be saved?" the answer in The **NEV BIBLE** is, "Put your trust in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:30-31).



It has nothing whatsoever to do with the intellect (**BELIEVING** in your head only); it has to do with the will (what we choose to do), and demands a decision. There are multitudes (lots of people) that "**BELIEVE**", but have never put their "**TRUST**" in *Jesus Christ*.

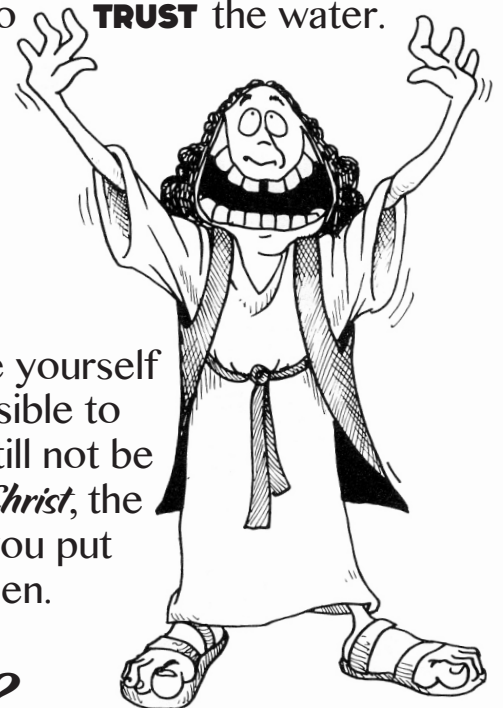


So, since to be saved, we must **BELIEVE** in (**TRUST**) *Jesus*, don't you think it would be extremely important to understand what it means to **TRUST** someone.

1ST it excludes effort. It's similar to floating on water. Have you ever floated on water? If you have, then you know that the water can hold up your weight. All you have to do is to **TRUST** the water.

In **TRUSTING GOD**, you need to put aside your effort, your fear, and your doubts. It won't work to try to help yourself either by works or religion (trying to do good things to make yourself acceptable to **GOD**). Just float. (Don't try to help **GOD** out, just **TRUST** Him!) As long as you are putting forth effort you are not **TRUSTING**.

2ND, trust leads to commitment. **TRUST** means to give yourself over, to commit yourself, to **TRUST** the Lord. It is possible to **BELIEVE** as much as you want to **BELIEVE** and still not be saved. But, the moment you give yourself up to *Jesus Christ*, the moment you commit yourself to Him, the moment you put your **TRUST** in Him, you are saved, but not until then.



*Have you ever done that?
Have you ever committed yourself to the Lord?*



The 3RD is trust requires action. REMEMBER the story of Blondin, the tightrope walker? There's another part of the story that goes like this:

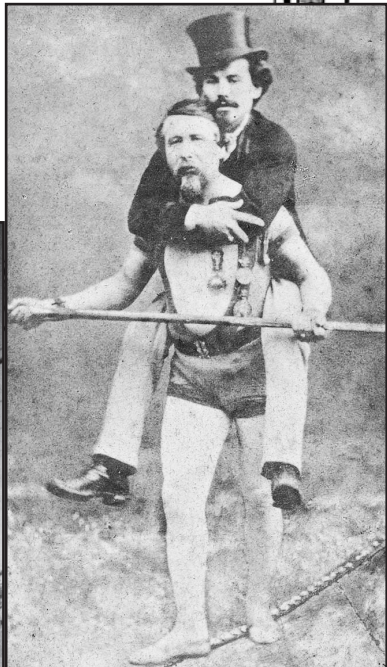
On August 17, 1859, about 25,000 thrill-seekers arrived by train and steamer and dispersed on the American or Canadian side of the falls. Both banks grew with swarms of spectators, among them statesmen, judges, clerics, generals, members of Congress, capitalists, artists, newspaper editors, professors, debutantes, and salesmen. Vendors hawked everything from lemonade to merchandise, and Colcord (Blondin's Manager) gave tours to the press, explaining the logistics of what the Great Charles Blondin was about to attempt. As he explained, "A rope 1,300 feet long, two inches in diameter and made entirely of hemp would be the sole thing separating him from the roiling waters below."

As the crowd of people watched eagerly, the great tightrope walker, Blondin, stepped onto the rope. The crowds were hushed as he started across balancing his 40-pound pole. As he triumphantly reached the other side, a great cheer arose above the deafening roar of the mighty falls.

Turning to the crowd, he now said an amazing statement. He offered to re-cross the rope, high above the waters below, carrying a man on his back. But, no one was willing to do it. He then turned to his manager, Henry Colcord, and asked,

- "Do you believe I can carry you across?"
- "I believe. In fact, I have no doubt about it at all," answered Colcord.
- "Will you Trust me?"
- "I will!"

And that is what both Blondin and Colcord did. They crossed over to the other side.



AKRON, FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, 1860

BLONDIN CROSSES NIAGARA

Balances On Tight Rope
Charles Blondin, acrobat, today performed the incredible stunt of crossing the Niagara Falls on a tightrope high over the water, balancing precariously on stilts. He made several trips across, one of them while blindfolded, pushing a wheelbarrow. These earlier stunts provided the exciting trip of all.

French Acrobat Uses Stilts
The rope used by Blondin was 1,100 feet long, and was strung a hundred and sixty feet above the roaring falls. A huge crowd held its breath as it watched the Frenchman in his daring, dangerous feat, defying gravity.



See Scoop No 61 - BEGINNING OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT



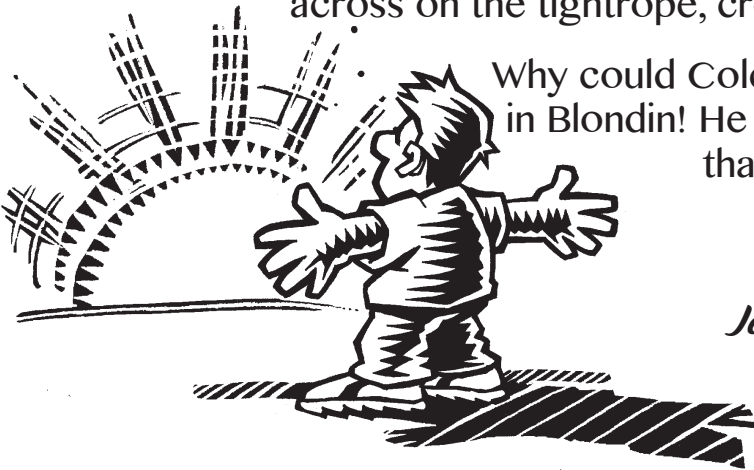
Are you among the **MILLIONS** who **BELIEVE**, but who have never **TRUSTED** Christ the Lord? Do you know about Him, and may even have a belief in Him, and yet have not committed your life to Him or put your **TRUST** in Him?

Remember the **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**;

“**FAITH** is **BELIEVING** **GOD’S WORD** and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**.”



Well, that’s exactly what Blondin’s manager, Colcord did. He **BELIEVED** what Blondin said, then he **ACTED** upon it by getting on Blondin’s back as he walked across on the tightrope, crossing the Nigara Falls.



Why could Colcord be so brave? Because he **TRUSTED** in Blondin! He put his **FAITH** in him, **BELIEVING** that he could do what he said he could do. That’s **TRUSTING!**

How important it is to put our **TRUST** in *Jesus Christ*. Will you **TRUST** Him with your life? Or will you merely **BELIEVE** with your head?

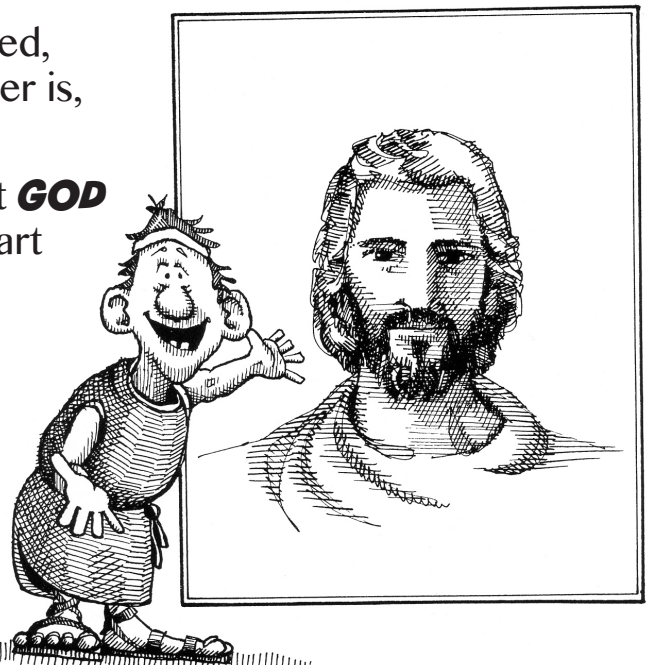
Will you, by a definite **ACT** of your will, put your **TRUST** in the Lord?

Remember what the Philippian jailer asked, “*What must I do to be saved?*” And the answer is, put your **TRUST** in the Lord!

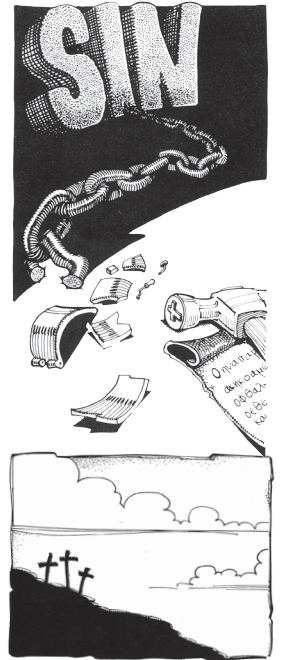
How do we know that we **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said? The answer is in the second part of the **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**;
“...and **ACTING** upon it...”

You know that you **BELIEVE** **GOD’S WORD** and that you **TRUST** Him, when you **ACT** upon it.

Would anyone like to **ACT** upon **GOD’S WORD** now, and pray to put your **TRUST** in the Lord?



He *loves* you so much. He died on the cross and took the punishment for your **SINS** so you could have your **SINS** forgiven and have a wonderful *relationship* and fellowship with **GOD**. Who wouldn't want to be born-again? It's like **GOD** gives us a new heart, on the inside – He forgives our **SINS** and enables us to live a new kind of life – a life that is pleasing to **GOD**. He gives us peace, joy, *love*, and His Holy Spirit to enable us to live every day in a way that pleases Him. He is so good to us! Don't YOU want to *love* this wonderful Savior? You will always be glad that you **MADE** the decision to give your life to Him, to put your **TRUST** in Him. You will be glad now, while you live on the e ____ h. You'll be glad later when you can live with **GOD** in H ____ n.



Will you **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said in Romans 3:23?
LOOK it up and read it. Do you **BELIEVE** that?

"For _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."



Now **LOOK** up Romans 6:23 and read it.
 Do you **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said?

*"For the wages of sin is _____
 but the gift of God is eternal _____
 In Christ Jesus our Lord."*



Do you **BELIEVE** what we read in this **STUDY** a few minutes ago, when we read John 3:16-17. Maybe you don't remember so, just in case, let's read it again.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."



Now read what **GOD** says in His **WORD** in Romans 10:9

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."



Do you **BELIEVE** it?

How do you know you really **BELIEVE** it?

By **A** _____ **E** upon what **GOD** has s _____ d.



ACTIVITY PAGE

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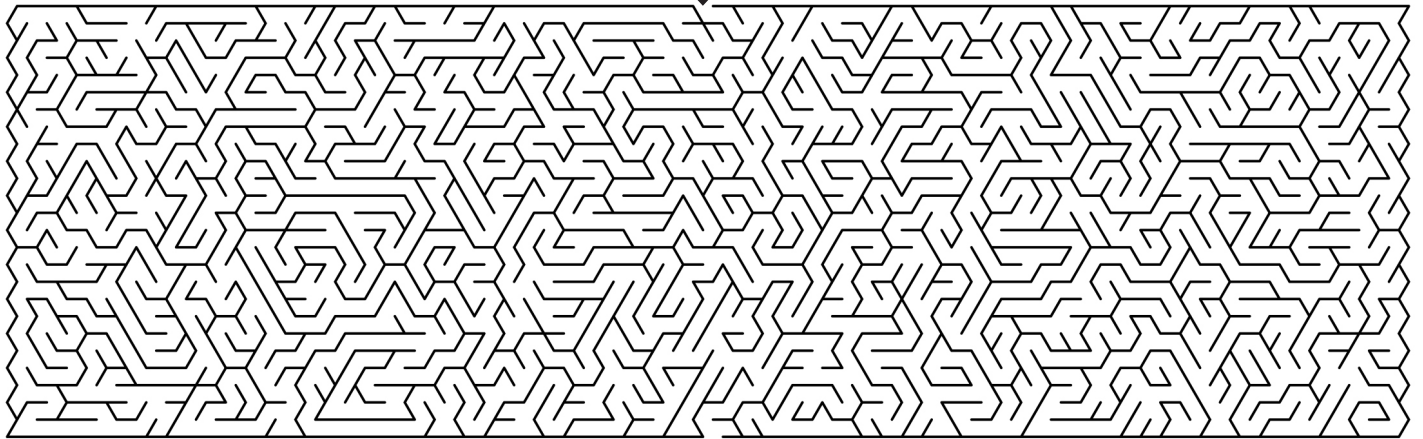
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ACTIVITY PAGE

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2 PERSON MAZE

INSTRUCTIONS: The rules are simple. Each player puts his/her pencil on the appropriate "START" area. At a signal to begin, they race their pencils through the maze toward the "SUCCESS!" sign. The first one there wins.

