

Oxford Baptist Church – March 12 – Tyler Bowles
The Solas – Faith Alone – Hebrews 11:1

Recap

- Scripture alone teaches us that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone for the Glory of God alone.
- Sola Scriptura
 - Scripture teaches us who God is, who we are and our need for salvation.
- Sola Gratia
 - No amount of good deeds can justify you
 - The only way to be justified is by the grace of God

What is Faith?

- Heb 11:1 - "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
- Joshua 2 recounts the incredible faith of Rahab.
 - Jos 2:11 – *"the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath"*
- Do you believe that God loves you and desires a relationship with you, so faith in Jesus can bring you salvation?

Is There Another Way?

- In Genesis 22, Abraham obeys God's command to sacrifice Isaac
 - God was testing the faith of Abraham
 - Abraham trusted fully in God's promise about his descendants
- Do we trust in the promises of God?
- Rom 4:1-5 – Abraham was saved by faith
- Eph 2:4-10; Phil 3:8-11 – salvation is only by grace through faith
- Both the Old & New Testaments confirm that salvation has always been and always will be received by faith alone.

What About Works?

- Didn't Rahab and Abraham perform an action, or work, that saved them?
- The answer is found in James 2:14-26
- Works are evidence of faith but don't produce faith
- Apples but don't make an apple tree alive but show that it has life
- Works are a result of faith showing that it is genuine but never saves us.

Faith in What?

- We have faith in the gospel
- We need to preach it to ourselves daily
- Remind yourselves of these things:
 - The incarnation of Jesus
 - The sinless life of Jesus
 - The earthly ministry of Jesus
 - The death of Jesus
 - The Resurrection of Jesus
 - The exaltation of Jesus
 - The imminent return of Jesus
 - The eternal rule of Jesus
 - The exclusivity of Jesus
 - The dominion of Jesus
- Faith in this alone will save us

Conclusion

- We are saved by faith alone in the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Heb 11:1 - "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
- Do you have faith alone to save you by grace alone today?