

New City Catechism Class Week Thirty

Q30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A30: Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (ESV)

Discuss the question:

- How does this question relate to Question 29: How can we be saved?
- When we say our faith is 'in' something, what are we communicating?
- Why is the object of our faith, the most important thing about our faith?
- What is the opposite of faith?

Discuss the Scripture:

- What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?
- What are the implications of being crucified with Christ?
- What does it mean that Christ lives in me?
- How do we live by faith in the Son of God?
- Based on Galatians 2:20, what did Christ do for you?
- How do you see the previous answer play out in your daily life?

Discuss the answer in light of the Scripture:

- Does the answer leave any wiggle room for us to pick and choose what parts of the revealed Word to believe?
- How we should respond when we are tempted to reject parts of the revealed Word?
- What does it mean to trust in Christ?
- What does it mean to receive and rest on him alone for salvation?
- Why is it important to state that faith is resting on him alone '...as he is offered to us in the gospel'?

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And rain impetuous, descend;
Yet will he not his own forget,
But love, and save them to the end.*

Augustus Toplady 1740-1778