

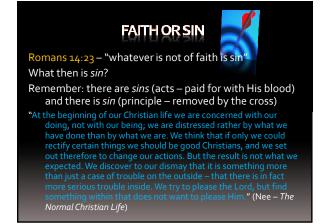
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Romans 5:1 – What is faith? Hebrews 11:1 – "Now faith is..."

- 1. the assurance.
 - There is a reality of faith which satisfies the intellect because it is founded on reason – historically acurate and scientifically sound! – intellectual
- 2. the conviction of things unseen .
 - Because faith stands on what is demonstrably true, then when I am asked to believe what I cannot verify, I know the demands of me are consistent with what is true.
 - This reality of faith demands that I surrender my will and believe to be true what I can't understand or substantiate through history or science volitional







Romans 14:23 – "whatever is not of faith is sin" 2. Jesus as the spotless lamb – without sin 1 Peter 1:18,19 – unblemished and spotless (sinless) 2 Corinthians 5:21 – "who knew no sin" Jesus then must have never once "missed the mark" John 5:19 and 5:30. Jesus, of Himself, could do nothing! Jesus never looked unto Himself, He never took His eyes off His Father. Not ever. Whatever is of me is missing the mark (sinning) – looking away unto Jesus for everything is living a life of faith

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- 3. A practical lesson on faith and sin Jeremiah 2:13
 - My people His chosen people (applicable to believers—if you are "in Christ" then you are one of His people) have . committed two evils:
 - They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water
 - forsake: to leave entirely; abandon; desert; to give up or
 - to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can
 - We are forsaking the Truth of justification by faith alone in Christ's righteousness alone (everything coming from Him) and are looking unto ourselves to try and produce life.

 John 4:10-14 living water

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- 4. Looking unto myself always results in death, never life.
 - Romans 3:23 "and fall short of the Glory of God"
 - Romans 6:23 "the wages of sin is death"
 - James 1;15 "sin...brings forth death"

Summary:

Whatever is not looking away unto Jesus (everything coming from Jesus) is missing the mark (missing the true source of living water – Jesus living His life through me by continually denying myself) and the natural result of looking to myself is death.