

What happens when **Faith is NOT present**?

Does God keep us if we **reject** the Faith?

Clearly both **Grace** and **Faith** must be present. **Grace**, as the Word of God says, is accessed by **Faith**.

Salvation...

ENDS with Grace and Faith!

*“Receiving the **end of your faith**, even the **salvation of your souls**.” (1 Peter 1:9)*

Once again it is very clear that **Faith** is required to the end. Grace and Faith can **never** be separated.

Do you desire to receive the **salvation of your soul**... it is the **END** of your Faith!

Jesus said it this way...

*“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved**.”*

(Mark 13:13)

A Couple More Scriptures

Justification in the eyes of God is by **Grace... and Faith**.

*“That being **justified by his grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”*

(Titus 3:7)

*“Therefore **being justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”*
(Romans 5:1)

CONCLUSION:

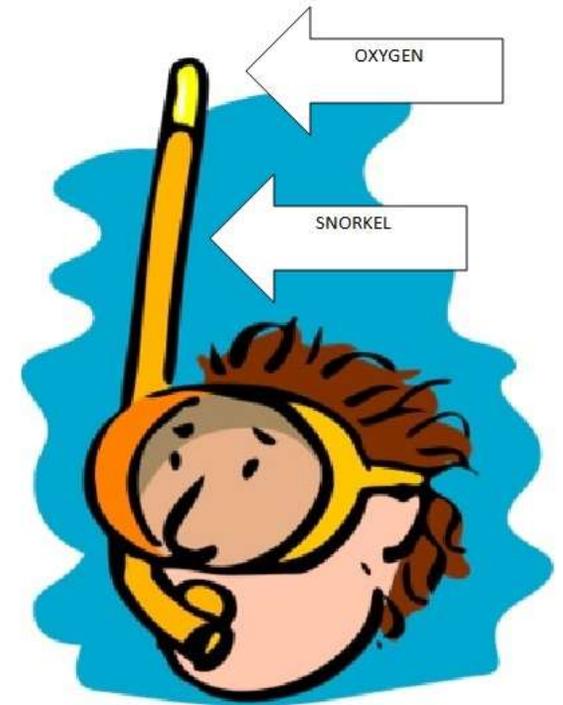
Give great **DILIGENCE** in attending to your **Faith** to make your calling and election sure!

*“And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith** virtue... knowledge... (6) temperance... patience... Godliness... (7) brotherly kindness... charity. (8) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) **But he that lacketh these things is blind**, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. (10) Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**” (2 Peter 1:5-10)*

God's powerful **Grace** can enable your **diligence** to add the above to your **Faith**, which will **keep** you from falling.

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*“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (2) By whom also **we have access by faith into this grace** wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)*

GRACE AND FAITH - INSEPARABLE!

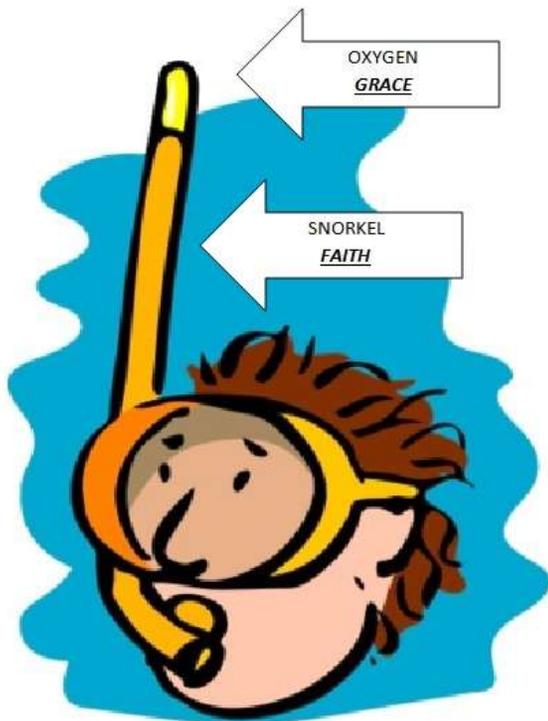
Have you ever felt overwhelmed... like you are underwater, drowning and near to death? If this were you physically, what would you need to be saved?

OXYGEN!

If you are drowning... you need **AIR**... somehow, you must get to the air.

A Parable

The graphic on the cover of this message (and below) represents a modern day parable. The person is underwater, accessing the life saving oxygen through the snorkel.



If the snorkel were not there, and he could not reach the surface... he would die. If he refused to use the snorkel that had been provided for him... he would die.

This is similar to **spiritual salvation**. The “oxygen” in our parable is **God’s Grace**, and the “snorkel” is the **Faith** that God has given.

Like our underwater scenario, according to Romans 5:2 (quoted above), we access **God’s Grace** via **Faith**.

It Is All About JESUS!

In this scenario, there is no boasting in self. How could one boast when both the **Grace** and the **Faith** are gifts from God.

All we can do is receive and use these gifts, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.” (Titus 2:11)

“...but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” (Romans 12:3)

Salvation...
BEGINS with Grace and Faith!

“For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” (Ephesians 2:8)

Clearly we cannot come to salvation without **God’s Grace** and **Faith**.

As in the “underwater” scenario, we access the life saving “oxygen” through the pipeline of the “snorkel”, and our spiritual access to **God’s Grace** is via the pipeline of **Faith**.

Our eternal salvation **BEGINS** with Grace and Faith, but is that the **END** of our need for **Faith**?

Salvation...
CONTINUES with Grace and Faith!

“Who are KEPT by the power of God through FAITH unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:5)

It is a great source of joy and peace to know that we are **KEPT** by God’s power!

If God’s power is **KEEPING** us... what is powerful enough to snatch us away from Him... **NOTHING!**

However, this verse tells us that we are kept by God’s power **through Faith**.