

Intellectual Faith or Heart Faith

“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:8-10).

You believe God and say you believe God, and haven't received the Holy Spirit, there's something wrong with your faith (Eph. 1:13-14). 'Cause God's under obligation to give every believer that repents and is baptized, is under obligation to give you the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:36-38). And He's more willing to give it to you, than you are to receive it. That's right. So there's something wrong somewhere. You just got a mental faith and instead of a heart faith. For God's under obligation to keep His Word. [1]

Brother, **it's by faith you're saved (Eph. 2:8-9).** Is that right? But listen. In accepting of your faith, **God confirms your faith by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If you say you believe, and you don't get the baptism of the Holy Ghost, then you do not, your faith isn't accepted in the sight of God. You've got a mental faith and in the stead of a heart faith.** That's right.

When you truly believe God, **God's under obligation to pour the Holy Ghost on you.** And then if He does pour the Holy Ghost on you... You say, "Well, I've got the Holy Ghost too." Well, if you do, you're bound to believe in the supernatural signs and wonders, because you're added to it. **That's the faith.** [2]

Now, if you can look and live when you hear the Gospel preached, on the basis of the Word, that settles it (*Rom. 1:16*). **You're healed right there. But you cannot be healed by mental faith. You've got to be healed by a real living faith from your heart (Rom. 10:8-10).** No matter how much you're worked up up here, and no matter how much you disbelieve up here, **if something down here tells you it's over, it's over; that's all. That settles it. There's no more fear at all.** Nobody could tell you any different. **You don't know why you believe it. It's not reason; it is faith. You just believe it and that's the way it takes place.** You believe it and go on, no matter what your sense knowledge would say, be all out of reason... [3]

Look at Noah way back in Genesis. **When God spoke to Noah that day, the Word of God came to Noah** and told him to build an ark for the saving of his household (*Gen. 6:9-22*). And you know, the world stood upright before the antediluvian destruction; it wasn't leaning back like this to bring water. **And when God told Noah He was going to send a flood, a rain, why, you know he had**

critics. But faith doesn't look at what circumstances are; **faith looks to what God says. Faith doesn't try to reason. Faith just takes it at its face value.**

Now, **there's two different kinds of what we call faith today.** And I'm sorry to say this, **but I'm real sure of this, that there's too much intellectual faith in the stead of being heart faith.**

See, so many revivals are going across the country and people are claiming to be saved, and great evangelists saying they had so many thousands saved and so forth. And then you go back and **find out those people don't stay.** Just an emotion in the meeting, and they're worked away. **Many people in the meeting raise up and claim healing and walk away, more by emotion or more by psychic than they do by real Divine revelation of the Lord Jesus.** And the first little pain strikes them, they give up and say, "Well, I didn't get my healing." **Now, if you really believe that with your heart, ten thousand pains would never make you give it up.** That's right, 'cause your faith already went to motion. **You're in action right then.**

Jesus said, *"It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* (Matt. 4:1-4).

There's where his faith was anchored. There's where every man's and woman's faith to be anchored today **is upon the living Word of God.** You believe that, **you can put it in action.**

Jesus when he was here on earth, He said, *"Verily, verily I say unto you, I can do nothing in myself; I'm the Son, I can do nothing; but what the Father shows Me, that I do. I come to do the will of God."* (John 5:19). And when He went away he said this ministry shall not cease now. "For the very things that I do, you will do also. For I will be with you, **even in you** to the end of the world." (John 14:12-21). "And this will be a sign, The very things that I do, shall you do till the end of the world."

That isn't it; **it's set your faith to action in God's Word,** and ride away on every **wind of a Holy Spirit** that breathes down upon a mortal human being. That's when he must set his faith in God and say God's Word is right.

Here's my wings, both the New and Old Testament. I believe every **Word of It will pack me.** It brought me from a sinner to a Christian. It brought me from a cursing sinner to a preacher. It took me from a blind man to a good eye. It healed me when I was sick. **It'll carry me from earth to glory some of these days.** But my faith rests alone in Christ the Lord. Oh, my, **faith in action.**

The heroes of the Old Testament had faith; **they put it in action.** You've got them for an example (*Heb. 11:1-30*). **Now we've got faith, but you won't put it in action. Ride away on the powers of the Holy Spirit!** [4]

And no matter how much, sister, you in the wheelchair, **believe that God is a Healer, if your faith can't go to action, you'll always be in the wheelchair. But when your faith can take action to a place that down in your soul that says so,** not reasoning, **but something in here says so,** then, brother, **something takes place. You begin moving.** 'Cause it's impossible for it not to be. That's true. [5]

Now, any of those promises, **if you're weary, upset, fretting, nervous, sick, sin, whatever it is, when you accept that from your heart, go to confessing it, and then saying it's right, God's right there to make it right, when you go to confessing it. But if you're afraid to say so, and afraid to act upon your confession, no matter how many times you're prayed for you'll never get well. You got to believe it first. See? He's the High Priest of what you confess that He has done for you (Heb. 4:14-16).**

You can't say you believe, until really in your heart you believe. But when you firmly have prayed through and really believe, then you can say, "I believe." Then you can accept it. And now remember, **He's there, will make good anything that you believe in your heart that He has done and will confess it (Heb. 7:25).** Then everywhere you go, testify of your healing. Say so. Believe so. Tell others so. [6]

Take God just for what He says. **Don't make no difference how it looks; don't reason it.** If you've only got intellectual faith, you'll reason God's Word; you'll try to reason It, say, "Now, let me see. Now, the doctor said I can't get well, and if the doctor said so, that ought to settle it." That's reason. **Faith doesn't reason; faith believes it anyhow.** [4]

A reasoning? Cast down reasonings. Cast them down (*II Cor. 10:3-6*). God doesn't want you to have reason. Reason always tries to find a way out. **Faith doesn't reason. Faith just believes. Your mind, what makes you reason. It's a liar.** [7]

Just like faith with works. **Abraham**, had no Bible to read, but he **was a prophet, his vision and his faith (Gen. 12:1-8).** And it seemed wrong to others, that he should think they were going to have a baby. But they did have the baby, because his vision of the baby was what he was talking about, "I'm going to have it! I'm going to have it!" **But when the baby was born, then the other people could see with the eye what he saw in a vision. And when you go to acting upon what you believe in your heart, then the people know God, and know what's happening to you, by the way you act. That's how you see God with the eye.** When the birth of the baby come, Isaac, the inspiration that had led him to this had vindicated his vision **to where the people could see that what he had saw in a vision was actually the Truth (Gen. 17:15-22; 18:9-15; 21:1-3).** [8]

Watch. "If you believe in your heart that it's being done..." Maybe that mountain (*Mark 11:22-24*), looks just exactly like it always looked, **but in your heart you believe it. There might not be but one little grain of sand, but something's tearing loose. Something's begin to take place.** See? When we believe that it's being done... **But you see, we just want something spontaneously.** And what do we get? **Left out, left out. Because it weakens.** [9]

If you accept Christ as your Healer, and believe in your heart that something has happened to you, and you believe you're healed? Are you going

to believe that you're healed? Don't let the devil pin nothing else on you. Just keep on. "Doctor," say, "doctor, how does it look?" He said, "Why, it's still there." **In your heart you know; you know what's happened.** First thing, he will say, "Say, wonder what happened to that thing?" Then say, "Look, doctor, I'm going to tell you. Here's what happened: **Jesus Christ healed me.** That's right. **Jesus Christ healed me.**" [10]

If your **intellectuals** does tell you that "This is the Truth, **God is the Healer of sickness,**" your mind can witness that "That is the Truth," **but if there is not the bedding ground in your heart (faith, to fall in) to express it, it will not happen.** No.

No matter how much this outside man can reason it with the Scriptures, and say, "it's right," **that still doesn't make it Right.** [11]

So if you just only got a **mental conception of the Bible**, if you say, "Well, I believe it because I read it." **God's got to reveal it to you by your heart** (*Matt. 11:25-26*). No man can call **Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Spirit** (*I Cor. 12:3*). **The Holy Spirit deals in the heart. So if a man really believes it from his heart, he's not afraid to put it to a test.** But if you're just mentally, you'll reason it out, say, "Well, I couldn't do that. They might do it; this one might've done it. She might've got well, but I don't know about myself." **But if you've really based your faith on God's eternal Word and it's down in your heart, all devils out of torment can't upset you.** No, sir, you've got to stay there. [4]

Therefore, if a man or a woman could ever get **their thoughts and their testimony and their lives so lined up with God until the channel of the Holy Spirit would be perfectly one with God**, what would take place?

Many people come to the altar to be prayed for. **They have intellectual faith.** They confess their sins (*James 5:14-16*) and join a church **by intellectual faith.** They believe it in their mind. They believe it because they've heard it. They believe it because they know it's the best policy. **But that's not what God looks at.**

He doesn't look at your intellectual faith. He looks on the heart, where on the inside... And when it comes from the heart all things are possible then; **your confession meets up with your life; your life speaks as loud as your confession does.**

But when your confession says one thing and your life lives another, there's something wrong somewhere. That's because you got an intellectual faith and not a faith from your heart. And that shows that outside here is a **knowledge of God**, but inside here is a **demon of doubting.** "I believe in Divine healing, but it's not for me. It could be so, but I don't believe it." Get it? **Outside you say "Yes." Inside your conscience says "No."** That same scientific thing would prove that that wasn't right, prove it. [12]

And now remember, **that if you've asked anything and do not believe in your heart that it's going to happen, it won't happen, no matter how many times you ask** (*Mark 11:24*). **But when you do believe, there's nothing to keep it from happening. It's got to take place. It just has to.** [13]

Now, you come to the altar realizing that you're a sinner and **you are sorry for your sins. You repent of what you've done.** And you can stay there and cry for weeks in and out. **And it would never save you until you believe in your heart that you are saved,** ^[14] **and raised up, and confess it.** "If you confess Me before men, I'll confess you before My Father and the holy Angels" (*Luke 12:8-9; Matt. 10:32*). Is that true?

Now, see, **you cannot be saved, only by faith and your confession** (*Rom. 10:8-10*). ^[15] Now, **He can't do nothing for you until you confess it.** Is that right? **For He is the High Priest of your confession.** He can do nothing... "You confess Me before men, I'll confess you before the Father." Is that right? **"What you say I done down here for you, that's what I say the Father... that I have done for you."** He's the High Priest. The High Priest of your confessions (*Heb. 2:14-18*).

Now, here **He is setting here to make intercessions on my confession, and I have a right to confess that He's done anything for me that's in the redemptive blessings.** There you are.

What were the redemptive blessings? *"He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, with His stripes we're healed."* (*Isaiah 53:4-5*). Is that right? **That's every believer's possession. That's mine.** ^[14]

And then, notice, friend. I want to ask you something. Now, if Jesus of Nazareth stood here wearing this suit that I have on, and for instance this girl here, or somebody along the line there, come up here to Him and said, "Lord, will You heal me?" What do you think Jesus would say to them?

He'd say, "I can't. **I have already done it.**" **When Jesus died at Calvary, He healed every sick person that would believe that He did it for them then** (*I Peter 2:24*). Is that right?

What if the sinner came up here to the platform and Jesus was standing here. Say, "Jesus will You save me?" He'd say, "Well, son, **I saved you nineteen hundred years ago. Do you accept it now?**" If he'd say, "Well, I want You to do it now." He'd say, **"I have already done it."**

So if any person's ever tell you that they can save you or heal you, it's an error, 'cause **no one can do what's already been done.** See? **Jesus died to save sinners and heal sick people.** And He's setting today at the right hand of God as a **High Priest** (*Rom. 8:31-34*) Who can be touched through the feeling of our infirmities. Is that right? Making what? **Intercessions upon our confession.** See? **He cannot do one thing for you until first you believe in your heart that He has done it, and then say that He's done it.** And the minute **that you believe it and say it, then before God, He says it's right. He's there to make intercession upon your confession.**

Now, you could come to the altar here and scream, and cry, and walk up and down, the floor and scream, "God, save me a sinner." That wouldn't do one speck of good. **But you can never be saved until you first believe it and then confess it.** Is that right? **And if you're just doing it from your head, well, it doesn't**

matter. If you're doing it from your heart, it's settled right there. Has to be. New, regenerated person right then... (II Cor. 5:17). *"He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me has (right now) Everlasting Life and shall never perish, but has passed from death to Life" (John 5:24), just because you believe. It's all.*

The same thing by Divine healing. You don't have to be up here on the platform. **You just believe right where you're setting.** Look up to Jesus, and say, **"I now believe it and accept it. And You're my Healer right now."**

At that very minute, **He confesses that same thing before Almighty God, saying, "By My stripes I recognize him healed."** (Isaiah 53:5). See? And you're just as sure **to get well, as He's God.** He has to. God just can't say something and take it back; He's got to keep His Word. I can say something and take it back; you can too, **but He can't. He's God, once spoken, that settles it.** All right. [16]

And the Word is a Seed (Luke 8:11). And the seed in the right kind of ground will grow, if you don't dig it up every morning to find out whether it's grown or not. You just plant it, **commit it to God, and leave it there.** That's the way to let it grow, just to leave It the way it's in the ground. And that's where It's supposed to be, **the ground of your heart. Faith is watering It, hourly, saying, "If God said so, it's mine!"** That's the way to do it. [17]

But if something can tear away them weeds, if God by His grace; not the preacher, not nobody else. **But God can place into your heart a revelation, that, "I'm going to be well," there isn't nothing going to keep you setting there.** There's nothing can hold you there, you're going to be well! **But until that does happen, you're going to set right where the doctor says you're going to set; until that happens. It has to be revealed. It's the grace of God that reveals it (John 14:21; I Peter 1:13).** [11]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]