How Jesus Completes Biblical Judaism Season 3: What Does Faith Require?



<u>Scripture</u>

• Genesis 15:5-6

And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to Him, "So shall your descendants be." Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

John 6:44

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

• Exodus 14:31

When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

Other Scriptures

- John 15:16
- Romans 4:16
- Psalm 110:3
- Genesis 15:6
- Ephesians 2:8
- Matthew 16:13-20
- Hebrews 11:1,6
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Matthew 7:14
- James 2:18
- 2 Corinthians 16:4

Main Points

- The means by which God saved Israel through the Old Covenant is identical to how He saves believers today under the New Covenant.
- Salvation is rooted in God's sovereignty.
- Faith is a gift of God.
- Abraham entered into a relationship with God through faith.
- God's power instills faith.
- Righteousness is to be made right with God.
- God imparts faith through revelation.
- The faith that has been given to you as a gift from God is what will always keep you connected to your Creator.
- In order to experience more of God, we must have faith.
- Faith and action work together.

Discussion Questions

1.	Ephesians 2:8-9 tells that we are saved by grace through faith. Is that a
	change from the Old Testament way of being made right with God?

- 2. How is faith imparted to us?
- 3. How can it be that Abraham is the father of all us all?
- 4. Is faith that is imparted by God superior to faith that we try to work up on our own? How does it ensure that we are always connected to our God?
- 5. What must we do to help our faith? Have you ever asked God for more faith? What results did you notice? Write about the interaction and partnership of faith and works.