

# “WHOLISTIC FAITH”

# VERSUS “HOLY FAITH”

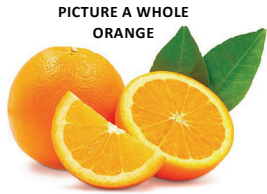
Let us start with a definition of just what is “wholistic faith?”, As compared to “holy faith”?

They are different from one another, obviously, but they are both based on the one, common, and singular expression of that faith which is built on totality of Jesus Christ, the one and the only born Son of God.

“Holy faith” is that actual body of doctrine that is offered by God, to man, to form the basis of the thoughts and actions for the members of God’s ‘family’ and thus the members of God’s one and only church. This is the individual commandment’s that come together, in loving harmony, to form this church that is totally devoted to God, His son, and the Spirit.

“Wholistic faith” on the other hand, is a totally inter-connected relationship between each part of the life and teaching of The Lord Jesus. All of the sections of Jesus teachings are included. All parts are also intimately, inter-related to one another. All parts are thus God given, and as such, are Holy Spirit inspired. All parts are lived by Jesus in the face of the law and the people. It is both the doctrine behind the life style, as well as the actions of that life style. EVERYTHING IN LIFE IS RTELATED BACK TO THE WORDS OF JESUS !!!!

**BOTH ARE NEEDED !!! BOTH ARE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE OTHER. BOTH ARE YET DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER.**



PICTURE A WHOLE ORANGE

WHAT COMPRISES A WHOLE ORANGE

What is an orange? It is the sum of all of its parts.

What is faith? It too is the sum of all of its parts, all working in harmony, according to the plan, for the intended purposes of God.

**“WHOLISTIC FAITH”** IS BASED ON THE IDEA THAT ONE MUST CATCH THE IDEA (HEAR), THEREBY WORKING TO REMEMBER THE CONTENT FROM THE INSIDE ON OUT TO THE OUTSIDE OF A PERSON AND THUS INTEGRATING. THIS IS TO CREATE THE CHRISTIAN SELF AND MOLDING THAT NEW SELF TO THE TEACHINGS WHICH ARE WRAPPED UP IN ONE, SINGULAR, DOCTRINAL REALITY, JESUS IS LORD.

**“WHOLISTIC FAITH”** IS ALSO THE NECESSITY OF MAKING THE CHANGES REQUIRED BY THIS NEW FAITH IN ALL PARTS OF LIFE BY FULLY COMMITTING TO THE LORDS DISCIPLINE AND LIFE-STYLE. IT IS THE CYCLE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT MUST BE OBEYED BY ALL .....

**“TWO EXAMPLES”** “REAL FAITH IS BOTH A CHANGE IN THE HEART AND ONE IN THE HEAD.....” IT IS THE PURSUIT OF A FULLY BALANCED LIFE-STYLE, thus we see this sort of change having begun to occur in the story THAT WAS TOLD ABOUT JESUS’ ENCOUNTER WITH THE CENTURION and his servant who was dying. It was action that would accompany the full state of Christocentric mindset that was being requested by the Grecian widows in Acts IT WAS NOT LAW, BUT CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN COMPASSION.

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| <b>CATCH</b>   | INITIAL CONTACT                                  | <b>[HEAR]</b>               |
| <b>CONTENT</b> | COMPREHENDING PROCESS AND KNOWLEDGE              | <b>[BELIEVE]</b>            |
| <b>CREATE</b>  | PRACTICE COMING FROM INITIAL UNDERSTANDING       | <b>[REPENTANCE PROCESS]</b> |
| <b>CHANGE</b>  | DEVELOP THROUGH INITIAL EXERCISE                 | <b>[CONFESS]</b>            |
| <b>COMMIT</b>  | LIVING A FULLY“SELF-DENYING” LIFE TO SERVE JESUS | <b>[LIVE COMPLIANTLY]</b>   |

**Hmmmmm, ---- sounds remarkably like part of the plan of salvation ....**

# WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND “WHOLISTIC FAITH”?

“WHOLISTIC FAITH” IS CRUCIAL TO ALL STUDENTS OF THE BIBLE BECAUSE IT CAUSES OUR EYE TO SEE THE INTRICACIES OF THE WHOLE BIBLE’S LOGIC. IT GIVES A MORE UNIFIED PERSPECTIVE SO AS TO HELP US REMEMBER THAT THE BIBLE IS ONE BOOK, FROM ONE AUTHOR, FOR ONE PURPOSE, WITH ONE CENTRAL CHARACTER WHO IS HERE TO DO ONE THING, REALISTIC LOVE MANKIND AND OFFER MAN ONE, AND ONLY ONE HOPE. “WHOLISTIC FAITH” GIVES THE COMBINATIVE SUBSTANCE TO THE STATEMENT, “WE ARE ONE PEOPLE, OF ONE FAITH, ONE SPIRIT, ONE LORD, AND ONE MISSION”, AMEM.

# HOW DOES “WHOLISTIC FAITH” AFFECT THE TEXT OF MARK ?

“WHOLISTIC FAITH” GIVES UNITY TO THE MESSAGE OF MARK. IT BRINGS MARK EVER UPWARD, FILLING IT WITH ONLY ONE MESSAGE: THERE IS NO LONGER THE OPTION OF OPINIONS, OR PERSPECTIVES, OR ANY TOM-FOOLERY TO BE HAD, FOR IT IS COMPLETE, OFF OF THE SINGULARITY OF ITS SINGLE SOURCE OF REAL, “FIRST AUTHORSHIP”. NOW, WE MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM THAT IT IS COMPLETE, USING OUR OWN MIND-POWER, BUT UNTIL WE CAN IDENTIFY IT AS A FULL, IDENTIFIED, DECLARED, BACKGROUND DOCTRINE. IT WILL REMAIN A MERE “SUGGESTION” OF OUR OWN MINDS, AND NOT HAVE THE POWER TO SPEAK TO THE WHOLE WORLD. “SUGGESTIONS” ARE ALREADY, MUCH TOO RIFE.

## OTHER EXAMPLES OF “WHOLISTIC FAITH” BEING ENCOURAGED - DEVELOPED:

- HEALING OF NA’AMAN
  - RAISING THE CHILD OF THE WIDOW OF NAIN
  - FORGIVENESS FOR THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY
  - LOVE OF RUTH FOR HER MOTHER-IN-LAW
  - GIVING TO THOSE WHO WERE WIDOWS INDEED
  - RECEPTION OF RAHAB’S GENEROSITY
  - RIDE GIVEN TO THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH BY PHILLIP
  - MEAL GIVEN BY THE PHILIPPIAN JAILOR TO PAUL
  - ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO BLIND BARTAMEUS
  - DONKEY TAKEN BY JESUS RIGHT BEFORE THE SACRIFICE
  - **PRINCIPLE: THE DRINK OF WATER FROM THE WELL BY THE GATE BY ALL OF THE OLD GENERALS 2 Samuel 23:16**
- give to any man in need  
give / help those who can no longer help themselves  
giving with a universality in our love  
helping all races, ethnic groups, and nationalities, letting need  
lead the way, unimpeded by man made laws  
being fair and equal to all, as we help all  
being attentive to all those in mortal / moral danger  
being ready to share in any given situation  
being ready to face our own trials for helping ease suffering  
willing to go beyond the few coins and truly touch lives  
known that good comes to all the totally benevolent servant

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## EXAMPLES DIRECTLY FROM THE TEXT OF MARK:

- Jesus heals on the Sabbath
  - The Gerasene Demeoniac
  - Jesus cures in the market place as people came
  - Healing the Gentile Syro-Phoenician woman’s child
  - The man and the epileptic after the transfiguration
  - and now back to old “BLIND BARTAMEUS”
- Mark 3:1-12 doing needed work onj the Sabbath  
Mark 5:1-20 by-passes the first step in the Law code  
Mark 6:53-56 by-passes the priests  
Mark 7:24-37 doing good to all the “goy’im” [the unclean ones]  
Mark 9:14-29 employment of prayer and methodology  
Mark10:46-52 “...just help me see..., I believe !!”

## OTHER EXAMPLES OF “WHOLISTIC FAITH” BEING ENCOURAGED AND DEVELOPED:

Point → The bible is not always written in ‘direct command’ style, but in sometimes in exemplary, hard, suggestive style, one designed to teach us to do likewise, --- or else why include it? So, the bible is not just a collection of stories that we can choose to read and interpret off an ad-hoc reading plan. The whole purpose needs to be considered, as one does with any whole context.

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## EXAMPLES DIRECTLY FROM THE TEXT OF MARK THAT WE ARE URGED TO FOLLOW:

- Jesus heals on the Sabbath day, no work day      **Mark 3:1-12**    by-passes social convention
- The Gerasene Demoniac, a truly untouchable      **Mark 5:1-20**    by-passes the first step in the ‘Law code’
- Jesus cures in the market place as people came      **Mark 6:53-56**    by-passes the priests and works “in situ”
- Healing the Gentile Syro-Phoenician woman’s child      **Mark 7:24-37**    by passes ethnic biases and touches the dead
- The man and the epileptic after the transfiguration      **Mark 9:14-29**    by passes clinical restriction laws if needed
- ..... back to “BLIND BARTIMAEUS”      **Mark10:46-52**    “...just get me to the water on time...”

He is a basic part of the whole story, one that is integral to the messages’ whole-ness, thus he is an “wholistic example” of the more significant “suggestive style”, one where we are asked to go beyond the rules of simple compliance and meet the needs that actually exist. If he was capable of getting into the pool, at the right time, would he have needed assistance? Would Jesus have helped him? Were there any others near the pool who needed no assistance? Did Jesus help them?

*What did Jesus really give to Bar-Timaeus? Thus, he was possibly a “goy’im”, an untouchable foreigner, possibly ...*

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Mark 10:46-52 -----just get me to the water-----

**Wholistic faith** is much more than mere evangelism.

**Wholistic faith is** purposely going out from safety and legal protection to see and help the truly needy.

**Wholistic faith is** not to be overly bound by convention or laws or mere rules and mores'.

**Wholistic faith is** doing whatever you can to actually help all of those who are needy, one-by-one.

**Wholistic faith is** not to just benefit yourselves in others eyes, but to assist, help, serve all of the down trodden peoples, be they the enemy, or the friend, be they the unknown, or the known.

**Wholistic faith is** living to help in their real needs, spiritual and economic, -giving dignity and courage to all of those who have stubbed their toes out on the road.

**Wholistic faith is** keeping the walking dispossessed to keep on walking that road getting ever closer to Jesus.

**Wholistic faith is** knowing that I have spent this day honestly helping some one, today, no matter what my 'job' is supposed to be, or what their perceived need is.

## **OTHER EXAMPLES OF “WHOLISTIC FAITH” BEING ENCOURAGED AND DEVELOPED:**

**..... STUDY FOR YOPURSELF AND THEN ADD THESE FACTORS WHICH ARE TO BE COMBINED WITH OUR LOVE AND ACTIONS: USE THESE TRAITS AS GUIDES.....**

- 1. DIGNTY PRESERVED**
- 2. TRUTH DEFENDED**
- 3. COURAGE SHARED**
- 4. SELF-SUFFICIENCY TAUGHT**
- 5. SETTING ASIDE PERCEIVED LAWS AND THUS EATING THE GLEANINGS LIKE DAVID’S MEN DID**
- 6. PRAISING GOD / JESUS ALWAYS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE WHERE-WITH-ALL TO HELP**
- 7. SEEK OUT THE VOICE OF THE CONGREGATION**
- 8. WHEN A NEED IS SEEN, GO AND FULFILL THAT NEED, AS BEST AS YOU CAN, NOW ..... APOLOGZE LATER.**



Lets get down and realistically consider the case of the 'poor, maligned, unfortunate, pitiable fig tree ..... the one cursed so unmercifully by Jesus.....

**“WHY DID HE DO IT?”, AND “WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OUR ‘LEARNING PROCESS’, TODAY?”**



Drying up of a cherished fig tree at the time of T. E. LAWRENCE

**QUESTION #1** Was Jesus just frustrated with the tree because it had no fruit? 97% ANSWER, TODAY

**QUESTION #2** Was Jesus just setting up the event to teach a lesson to the followers that they could readily see and understand?

**QUESTION #3** Was Jesus having a bad day after trying to get people to understand him, openly-freely?

**QUESTION #4** Was Jesus just doing a common, everyday duty, for the community?