

The image features three black crosses of varying heights on a rocky, brownish hill. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise sky with soft, glowing clouds in shades of pink, orange, and purple. The scene is framed by dark, jagged rock formations on either side. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

Terms of Salvation

Faith: the One Requirement for Salvation

I. The Meaning of Saving Faith

II. The Necessity of Saving Faith

III. The Object of Saving Faith

Rom. 3:21-23: But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even *the* righteousness of God **through faith in Jesus Christ** for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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Gal. 2:16-20: nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but **through faith in Christ Jesus**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified **by faith in Christ** and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified....I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live **by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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Phil. 3:8-9: More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is **through faith in Christ**, the righteousness which *comes* from God **on the basis of faith**,...

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John 1:12: But as many as **received** Him,
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believe in His name,

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John 3:16, 18, 36: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes in Him** shall not perish, but have eternal life....He who **believes in Him** is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not **believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God**....He who **believes in the Son** has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

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Eph. 3:6: *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the **promise** in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

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1 John 2:25: This is the **promise** which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

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2 Tim. 1:1: Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the **promise of life** in Christ Jesus,

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1 John 5:10-11: The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. ¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

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“...God doth justify the believing man, yet not for the worthiness of his belief, but for his worthiness who is believed.”

(Richard Hooker)

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1 John 1:9: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Rom. 10:9-10: that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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L.S. Chafer: “...this confession is that unavoidable acknowledgment to God on the part of the one who is exercising saving faith, that he accepts Christ as his Savior.”

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Luke 18:13: But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, “God, be merciful [propitious... provide satisfaction] to me, the sinner!”

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VI. The Demonstration of Saving Faith