

DESCRIBING THE MODERN EVANGELICAL VIEW OF FAITH

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John 1:48–50

John 2:11

John 4:13–15, 25–29

John 4:50, 53

John 11:25–27

John 20:27–29

Acts 9

WHY MANY EVANGELICALS ASSUME THAT THE NATURE OF FAITH CHANGED

WHAT REALLY WENT WRONG WITH THE EVANGELICAL CONCEPT OF FAITH

ESTABLISHING THE CONTENT OF FAITH BIBLICALLY

AN ILLUSTRATION OF HOW PERSUASION OCCURS

2 Corinthians 4:3ff.

Satan would not put a veil on a man who had no eyes

Paul compares believing to seeing (after light penetrates the veil)

Acts 28:24

A Some <u>were persuaded by</u> the things that were spoken	B Others <u>disbelieved</u> the things that were spoken
C Some <u>believed</u> the things that were spoken	D Others <u>were not persuaded</u> the things that were spoken

A equals C

B equals D

being persuaded = believing

disbelieving = not being persuaded

A is the opposite of B

A is the opposite of D

being persuaded is the opposite of disbelieving

being persuaded is the opposite of not being persuaded

C is the opposite of B

C is the opposite of D

believing is the opposite of disbelieving

not being persuaded is the opposite of not being persuaded

Romans 4:4–5

Wages are a debt incurred by an employer. Wages are not a gift.

Believing is not a work, so it incurs no debt. Believers receive life as a gift, not a debt.

Why isn't believing a work we do? Answer: God does the work in persuading,
just as the sun does the work in shining,
but we see its light.

Just as one lighting a firecracker does work,
but we see, hear, and feel the explosion.

John 6:28–29

What does *This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent* mean?

Does it mean that believing is the work that a believer does for God?

If so, this would contradict Romans 4:4–5 and Ephesians 2:8–9

Does it mean that persuading is the work that God does?

The following paraphrase of 6:29 may help

This is the working of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent

Both the Father and the Son worked in doing the signs.

John tells us that the purpose of working the signs was
that people would believe

The Father and the Son worked signs to persuade people

Persuading is God's work

John 16:8–11

The Holy Spirit convicts (or persuades) the unbeliever of sin, righteousness & judgment

CONCLUSION

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