

Question, When Does Faith Take Effect?

Commentary for August 15, 2022 — Answer: Faith Is In Effect Before You Know It

I have a question regarding the differentiation of unspoken sins or knowledge of crimes as spirit and as man.

While [I] confessed to the Lord, does confessing (during truth to light) affect the inclusion as referenced in subject?

At what point does faith in Jesus [have] a role?

[Signed] Anonymous

Anonymous,

Although I am not sure which ASK article, Commentary, or book chapter you are referring to, I will try to answer your questions.

God knows all our sins. Confession, when done in truth and sincerity, benefits only the person confessing. Faith from God to you led you to make your [1] confession of sins and a [2] confession of faith. Faith is a gift from God, and it comes through the Word of God (Romans 10:17). God looks upon us (no matter our sins, confessed or not) as His children NOW if we believe in Christ's resurrection and understand His beneficial acts on our behalf. God caused you to believe it.

It is important to understand that **no** human being has a "spirit" separate from himself or herself. That idea is a tactic of evil spirits to make some people think their spirits are split into parts. This is not possible.¹ There is one human spirit for each child of Adam. Evil spirits try to take advantage of people, but such spirits are external intruders, no matter how they present themselves. They have no right to be inside you. Call on Christ to cast them away.

You are reconciled to God **NOW** if you believe that Jesus died (He ceased to exist), was resurrected from death, and is now glorified as the captain of our salvation. He was the first human being to be raised to Glory from the dead. (See Paul's summary of the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1–11.) Later Paul wrote a follow-up letter to the *ekklesia* at Corinth.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is [at that moment] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold,

[1] **ALL things are become new** [not just some, but "ALL things"]. **And**

[2] **ALL things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ,**

¹ However, a personality can be sectioned into isolated parts. This is done through trauma of intense pleasure/pain experiences, and other horrors committed against innocent people, usually children. Walter Bowart, [Operation Mind Control—Researcher's Edition](#), (1978) 1994. Listen to free [Audiobook](#).

and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world [all the world, not just part of it] unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us [referring to Paul and his companions in ministry] the word of reconciliation."

• **2 Corinthians 5:17–19**

God's Spirit within you makes you **"a new creature" NOW**. God's Spirit is the down payment of God's promise to bring your salvation to completion when you are glorified and made immortal as a fully mature child of God.

You (and all believers) will be like Christ (1 John 3:1–3). Read it. Let the words of the Apostle John soak in. Then note in verse 3, that each of us should seek to "purify" ourselves. This is not done by speaking sanctimonious words to the world, nor by doing "works" in an organization, but just striving to be pure **"as He is pure."** It will be a process with mistakes to the end of your life.

Our **"faith in Jesus"** is a gift from God. It is NOT something you generate within yourself. It is NOT something you "choose" to do. God gives you faith to accept Jesus as your savior. If you want more faith, ask God for more faith. God loves to give you that gift. Jesus told his disciples about those who harm God's children:

"It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves: If your brother trespass against you, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to you, saying, I repent; you shall forgive him.

And the apostles said unto the Lord, 'INCREASE OUR FAITH.' And the Lord said,

'If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamine [black mulberry] tree,² "Be you plucked up by the root, and be you planted in the sea;" and it should obey you.

But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, 'Go and sit down to meat?'"

• **Luke 17:1–7**

Cry out to God as the father did for his child who had an evil spirit in Mark 9:23–24:

"Jesus said unto him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes.'"

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; HELP YOU MY UNBELIEF.'"

• **Mark 9:23–24** (the full context is in 9:14–29)

Faith from God led you to make your confession. YOUR faith from God affected YOU before you confessed, just as God planned, but you still have sinful flesh. Your life will continue to be hard because there are many lessons God wants you and all of us to learn.

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² A sycamine is a black mulberry tree. It has an extensive root system that is very hard to dig up.