

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6





Ice Crystals



**Sweet
Cream**



AIR



I did not ask you how you made ice cream I simply stated the **required** ingredients of ice cream. Whatever is added beyond the base ingredients may change the texture or flavor to your liking but **that is not what makes it ice cream**





Faith is like ice cream?

Faith takes concentration, because like ice cream it is a complex and multi-faceted composition

We like to add things to it to change its texture to one we feel is best

We like to add our favorite flavors

While there is nothing wrong with texture and flavors it's important to remember **they are not what makes faith, faith**





The Icey Base (Knowledge)

But grow in the grace and *knowledge* of our *Lord and Savior* Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

Knowledge defined: *the fact or condition of being aware of something*

God Exists (*Romans 1:20*)

You have Sinned (*Romans 3:23*)

Sin has consequences, but God has a plan (*Romans 6:23*)





The Sweet Cream (Belief)

Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will **believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’**

Matthew 27:39-43





Melted Knowledge

Why would they do such a thing?

Jesus Quotes

“You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days”

He said, “I am the Son of God.”

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself”






Melted Knowledge

Jesus Actions

Not only did they have his sayings they had witnessed proof as they saw him heal the sick, bend the laws of nature and Even raised the dead

What they did not have was **belief**:
Something that is accepted, considered to be true



Frozen Faith

In their disbelief they demanded more knowledge

Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him

Their thirst for **knowledge** without the presence of **belief** made them cynical and no better than the world condemned to death (v. 44)

In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.



Churning Faith

So, what must I believe?



“He’s the king of Israel!” or better yet the
Messiah the chosen one set by God (***Acts 2:36***)

“He said, ‘I am the Son of God’”; He was not just
sent by God; he is God in human flesh
(***Matthew 1:23***)

***“You who are going to destroy the temple and
build it in three days”*** (***John 2:19-21***)





Churning Faith

Jesus is your Savior -- 1 Thessalonians 5:9

*For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our **Lord** Jesus Christ.*

It all had a purpose, to provide a sacrifice to the human condition and provide a restorer of the broken relationship





One Faith
You Must
Accept Jesus
as Lord
and Savior





The Active Air (Trust)

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you **trust** in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Knowledge and **Belief** are simply not enough there must be **Action**

In James 2 we are told faith minus **actions** is dead faith and not saving faith

Trust is to place confidence in or rely on





One Faith

**What
Must
I "Do"**






The Active Air (Trust)

You are a sinner (**Confess**) -- You must admit your sin issue

Seeking a savior and willing to follow as Lord
(**Believe Jesus is, Accept Jesus as and Follow**)

Repent: Repentance is not an apology for sinning nor being a sinner. It is a desire and commitment to change. No change means no repentance



The Active Air (Trust)



With a desire to receive **forgiveness**: You must be willing to accept **forgiveness** which means not only seek repentant change but seek to stop dwelling on past sin.



One Faith

You must understand in grace there
is no such thing as repayment

**But there is
a concept
of gratitude
(Colossians 3:15-17)**





One Faith

**I Scream, Your Scream
but please make sure its
“Ice Cream!”**