

- (1) Communicating truth -- Romans 10:14 -- "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"
- (2) Exemplifying truth -- I Thessalonians 1:5-6 -- "Because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit."

## B. Kinds of Non-Genuine Faith

### 1. Historical Faith

This kind of faith accepts the truths of revelation as one might accept a history that does not vitally concern him, or in which he is not personally interested or involved. It is an intellectual apprehension of the truth, devoid of any moral or spiritual purpose. It may be external, not rooted in the heart.

Acts 26:26-28 -- "The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him, I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do. Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?' "

James 2:19-20 -- "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that -- and shudder. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?"

### 2. Temporary (or temporal) Faith

This kind of faith is a persuasion of the truths of revelation which is accompanied by some promptings of conscience and stirring of the emotions, but is not permanent, and fails to maintain itself in days of trial and persecution. It is often seemingly genuine, but is evanescent in character. It does not necessarily imply conscious hypocrisy, and thus deludes and deceives.

Matthew 13:20-22 -- "What was sown on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. What was sown among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful."

Matthew 25:1-13 -- "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were