

Luke 7:50

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Analysis

Jesus concludes: 'Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.' The Greek 'pistis' (πίστις, faith) and 'sesōken' (σέσωκέν, has saved, perfect tense) indicate faith as the means and completed salvation as the result. Faith saved her, not her works (though works evidenced faith). The command 'go in peace' (Greek 'poreuou eis eirēnēn,' πορεύου εἰς εἰρήνην) sends her into a state of peace—reconciliation with God, freedom from guilt, wholeness. Faith receives forgiveness and produces peace. This statement to a notorious sinner demonstrates grace's reach—faith alone saves, regardless of past sin.

Historical Context

This declaration contrasts dramatically with Pharisaic religion that judged sinners as beyond redemption without extensive penance and reform. Jesus' immediate forgiveness based on faith alone revolutionized salvation understanding. The perfect tense 'has saved' indicates completed salvation, not gradual process through works. Early Christian preaching emphasized faith as salvation's means (Acts 16:31, Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:8-9). The woman's case became paradigmatic—notorious sinners who believe receive immediate, complete forgiveness and peace. Her faith wasn't mere intellectual assent but trust demonstrated through action (coming to Jesus, washing His feet, worship).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does 'thy faith hath saved thee' teach about faith as the sole means of salvation versus works-based righteousness?
2. How does Jesus' pronouncement of peace illustrate salvation's result—reconciliation with God and freedom from guilt?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν	δὲ	πρὸς	τὴν	γυναῖκα	·H	πίστις	σου	σέσωκέν
he said	And	to	G3588	the woman	G3588	faith	Thy	hath saved
G2036	G1161	G4314		G1135		G4102	G4675	G4982
σε·	πορεύου	εἰς	εἰρήνην					
thee	go	in	peace					
G4571	G4198	G1519	G1515					

Additional Cross-References

Mark 5:34 (Faith): And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Luke 8:48 (Faith): And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Luke 18:42 (Salvation): And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Mark 10:52 (Faith): And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Habakkuk 2:4 (Faith): Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Luke 8:42 (Parallel theme): For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

Luke 8:18 (Parallel theme): Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Ecclesiastes 9:7 (Parallel theme): Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.