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CHAPTER 14 "Of Saving Faith"

- READ Paragraph 2: The Basis and Definition of Faith
 - First, faith is based on the Word of God. Acts 24:14; Ps 19:7-10; Ps 119:72
 - [°] Second, this tells us about the content of the Word of God: Father, Son, and Spirit
 - Third, it speaks of how faith acts appropriately upon the different parts of the Word of God.
 - First, faith casts its soul upon the truth.
 - Second, when Scripture commands, faith yields obedience. Jn 15:14
 - Third, when Scripture threatens, faith trembles. Is 66:2
 - Fourth, when Scripture promises, faith embraces. Heb 11:13
 - Fifth, the <u>principle acts</u> of saving faith have immediate relation to <u>Christ</u>.
 - Faith accepts, receives, and rests upon Christ alone.
 - Faith does this for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.
 - See: Jn 1:12; Acts 16:31; Gal 2:20; Acts 15:11
 - Fourth, this reminds us that faith comes by virtue of the covenant of grace.
- READ Paragraph 3: The Nature of True Faith
 - True faith may be weak faith or strong faith. Heb 5:13-14; Matt 6:30; Rom 4:19-20
 - Not all Christians are valiant for the truth or have great faith.
 - But they make it to the end. It gets the victory in the end. Eph 6:16; 1 Jn 5:4-5
 - But weak faith is not temporary faith. Temporary faith is different in kind from weak faith. 2 Pet 1:1

• The paragraph says that true faith will grow up in "many" to the full assurance of faith. Heb 6:11-12; Col 2:2