

1 Peter 2:9-10 NLT

⁹...For you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.

Faith begins when we are in need of salvation and self-sufficiency has been stripped away ~ Pope Francis

The resurrection is symbolic of many things. It is proof that Jesus was God.

1 Corinthians 15:14 NLT

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

Luke 23:39-43 NLT

³⁹One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

God doesn't just give us a forgiving faith, but a victorious faith, a conquering faith. So we can declare it is well with my soul.

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