

FAITH AND REPENTANCE

(Luke 23: 39-43)

We learn from the repentant thief on the cross a few things that accompany true, God-given faith and repentance:

- A fear of God: *“And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.”* This one had no fear of God only a fear of death. *“But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God.”*
- A confession of sin: *“Seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds.”*
- A glorying in Christ: *“but this man hath done nothing amiss.”*
- A submission of heart: *“And he said unto Jesus, Lord...”*
- A plea for mercy: *“Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”*
- A sure answer: *“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”*