

# FAITH

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### **PART 1 - FAITH IS OF THE SPIRIT**

Over the next few resources we are going to look at and unpack what true biblical faith is, how we come into it, what it enables and how it defines the way we live our lives on earth. We will take a look at different passages of Scripture where we see faith outworking in the lives of people and where we see a lack of faith being demonstrated either through unbelief or just a very little measure of it being possessed.

Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that faith is one of the top 3 aspects of God we are to abide in, knowing that the greatest is love. Faith, hope and love are not to be separated, but are to work together, being intrinsically threaded together to produce the demonstration of God's wisdom on the earth through the church.

It is essential to know that faith is of the Spirit.

***2 Corinthians 4:13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak.***

Faith is of the Spirit. We are to have a 'kind' of faith, not our own wishy washy ideas of what it is. We can not have faith unless we are given faith by the Spirit and the faith we must have and be in, is in accordance to what is written. In other words, in accordance to what God says faith is, and not what we think, feel or believe it is.

Faith is not something we muster up or something we have to produce. It's not something we toil for or strive to enter. Faith is of the Spirit and it doesn't originate with us or have its roots in us, but is from Him.

This is why we can not please God without faith as Scripture teaches.

***Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.***

Can we see how important faith is from 2 Corinthians 4:13, and how we are to be operating from a spirit of faith according to what is written? It determines our true belief, which isn't a verbal and mental agreement of what God says, but a living transformational conviction of the heart that changes you on the inside. It is from this true testimony of transformation within you that you now speak and what you speak is the living reality of God into the earth.

It may be to give testimony to the transformational work of life within you and it may be to testify of



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the aroma of the knowledge of Jesus Christ called the Word of God, which breaks, builds and blesses, depending on the heart of the hearer.

This process above prevents us from speaking our version of God's Word, misleading others by what we think, believe or feel, and ultimately leading people astray to believe a false or 'another' gospel, which causes spiritual death.

As Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of faith as Hebrew 12:2 declares, we can see why it is critical we fix our eyes on Him. He defines what faith is and He perfects us in faith in accordance to what He says it is as the Author of it. Our faith only grows upon the revelation of Jesus Christ Himself.

### QUESTIONS

1. Why is having a faith that is of the Spirit so essential to our relationship with Jesus?
2. Why is it so essential the faith we have is in accordance to what is written?
3. How does having this spirit of faith determine our true belief system and what we speak?
4. Why is it impossible to please God without this "kind" of faith?
5. Why is it our faith only grows upon the revelation of Jesus Christ?