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PART 2 - SPIRITUAL KIND OF FAITH

The scriptures clearly teach us that we are to have faith in accordance to what is written. In other words what has already been established in God before the foundations of the earth. We are to know what faith is from God's perspective.

We get to see in Matthew and Luke 4 just how important this, "it is written" reality is, when it comes to Jesus and Satan dialoguing over God's Truth. There is an absolute battle for the Truth and what God has established, so it is vital we know what faith is in accordance to the Father.

Faith is: the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. This is written in Hebrews 11:1.

We see in Hebrews 11 verse 2, that it was this kind of faith which the men of old, meaning the Old Testament saints, gained their approval in God by.

This is how essential it is to receive and enter into this spiritual kind of faith. The saints of old were made righteous, not by the blood of Jesus, but by this kind of faith in God. The question then must be asked.

Q. How many of us would confess to having this kind of faith and why?

DISCUSS AS A GROUP

So let's unpack and expand on this spiritual kind of faith and what this faith enables.

The word assurance means: certainty of something.

The word conviction means: the quality of showing that one is firmly convinced of what one believes or says.

When we have this kind of faith, we are extremely assured and firmly convinced of who God is and everything pertaining to God. We have an absolute knowledge of the spiritual dimension in Him, which is unseen to the natural, physical, earthly eye. There is no room for a "maybe" or an "is it?" or "I think so." Faith is absolutely convinced of what it knows to be true and does not waver in this.

An example of this kind of faith is in Hebrews 11:13.

Hebrews 11:13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

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Faith sees, welcomes and receives what is concealed in the unseen, seen One. Faith has spiritual sight to possess what is promised in God. This is why this kind of faith is the currency of God's spiritual kingdom on earth now.

We can see that this kind of faith leads to a spiritual outcome, where those of this kind of faith confess that they are strangers and exiles on earth. These people are no longer citizens of earth, valuing earth and everything of earth, but are now citizens of God's kingdom on earth. These men and women of this kind of faith, are clearly seeking a country of their own, a city not built with human hands, but of God Himself.

Q. Would you consider yourself a stranger and an exile on earth?

Q. How many of us have any reference for this city God is building because of our faith?

The Scriptures are explicitly clear that this is the kind of faith that God's people are to be living by. The Scriptures are also explicitly clear that this kind of faith is to be growing.

Romans 1:17 For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

The true Gospel is the key to this kind of faith being our known reality and as the Scripture says, it is this kind of faith, which a righteous man or woman is to live by.

Q. What do you see your life looking like inside and out, if you had this kind of spiritual faith?