

Why Do We Need Faith?

1. **HEB 11:6** But **without FAITH it is impossible to please him (God)**; for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
2. **EPH 2:8** For **by grace are ye saved through FAITH**; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God: Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

What Is Faith?

3. **HEB 11:1** Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

- **FAITH** is always **NOW**, but Hope is always **FUTURE**. For example, saying “I believe God **will** answer my prayer” is **hope**, not faith! Faith says “God **has** answered my prayer!”, even though all circumstances might suggest He has not.
 - **FAITH** is of the **HEART** or **SPIRIT**, NOT in the **mind**. Mental assent is in the **MIND**, but is often mistaken for faith. You can have doubt in your mind, but still have faith in your heart. In fact, your mind will say, “This doesn’t make sense” while you are **believing** in your **heart**. Mental assent is based on reason, which always fails to receive from God.
 - **FAITH** is the **spiritual FORCE** that brings what we hope for from the **spiritual** realm into the **natural, physical** realm. It is also the **FORCE** by which we combat spiritual attack from Satan or demons.
 - **FAITH** is like the **wire** that carries **electricity**. The wire is not the power, but is needed to carry the power to do the work.
 - **FAITH** is based entirely on the **WORD**, and has **NOTHING** to do with **senses, circumstances**, etc.
 - **FAITH** CANNOT rise higher than your **knowledge of God’s word**. Actually, your faith cannot rise higher than the Word of God you **DO** or **ACT** on.
 - **FAITH** always requires corresponding **action**, corresponding **speech**, & corresponding **thinking** to activate & maintain. Faith is **activated** both by what we do and say.
 - **FAITH** always says exactly what **God’s Word** says about ourselves, our families, and others. God’s word will NOT work if you take sides against it.
 - **FAITH** will always be challenged by opposing spiritual forces. Faith will result in a **FIGHT**.
 - **FAITH** can grow if we feed it; **Faith** grows if we exercise it.
4. **1TI 6:12** **Fight the good fight of the FAITH**. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
 5. **2TH 1:2** Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because **your faith is GROWING more and more**, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.
 6. **1PE 2:2** **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may GROW thereby:**

The **Language of the Body** in communicating with the natural surroundings is through the **senses** of seeing, hearing, tasting, feeling or smelling. The **Language of the Soul** in communicating with the intellectual & emotional realm is through **thoughts and reason**. The **Language of the Spirit** by which we communicate with the spiritual realm is **FAITH**. **Faith is spirit in nature and essence**. That is why you must believe in your **Heart** (your human spirit).

How do you get Faith?

7. **ROM 12:3** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the MEASURE OF FAITH**.
8. **MAT 4:23** Jesus went throughout Galilee, **TEACHING** in their synagogues, **PREACHING** the good news of the kingdom, and **HEALING** every disease and sickness among the people.
9. **ROM 1:16** For **I am not ashamed of the GOSPEL of Christ: for it is the POWER of God unto SALVATION to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (**SEE SCOFIELD MARGIN...SOZO**)
10. **ROM 10:6** But the righteousness of **faith SPEAKS in this way**. “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) 7 or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But **what does it say? “The word (rhema) is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, THE WORD OF FAITH which we preach)**: 9 that **if you confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus **and believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach THE GOSPEL of peace, Who bring glad tidings of

good things!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then **FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD (rhema) OF GOD.**

11. **ACT 11:13** And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is **Peter**; 14 **Who shall tell thee WORDS, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.**
12. **JOH 6:63** The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. **The WORDS I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.**
13. **PRO 4:20** My son, **attend to my WORDS**; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine HEART**. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

What are the Two Kinds of Faith (But one is not really faith at all!) ?

14. **JOH 20:24** Now **Thomas** (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, **was not with the disciples when Jesus came.** 25 **So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."** 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, **Jesus came and stood among them** and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then **he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."** 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then **Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**
15. **ROM 4:17** As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the **God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.** 18 **Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations,** just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 **Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about a hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead.** 20 Yet **he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,** 21 **being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.**

Notice that **Thomas' faith** was based entirely on his senses, i.e. sight, touch, hear, smell, & taste. **Abraham's faith** was based entirely on what God said, and ignored sense evidence to the contrary. Looking at sense evidence **AND** God's word only causes one to be double-minded, to waver in unbelief, and **NOT** receive from God.

16. **JAM 1:5** **If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,** who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 **But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.** 7 For **let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;** 8 **he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**
17. **2CO 5:7** (NIV) We live by faith, not by sight. **2CO 5:7** (KJV) (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
18. **PRO 3:5** **Trust in the LORD with all thine HEART;** and **lean not unto thine own understanding.** 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 **Be not wise in thine own eyes;** fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
19. **MAT 9:29** Then he touched their eyes and said, "**According to your (level of) faith will it be done to you**";

What Did Jesus Teach the Disciples About Faith?

20. **LUK 17:5** **The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"** 6 **He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can SAY to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' & it will obey you.**
21. **MAT 17:19** Then the disciples came to Jesus in private & asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. **I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can SAY to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' & it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.**"

How Do You Express Or Show Your Faith?

Faith Requires Corresponding Action:

22. **JAM 1:22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**

We should ACT like God's word is true!! If we hear the bible, but don't DO what it says, we only deceive ourselves into thinking that we believe His word. **Faith** always produces corresponding ACTION, because we BELIEVE what God has said. **Faith** doesn't wait for God to do something, but ACTS on what God has already done and RECEIVES what God has already given. Too often, we are waiting on God to do something. But God is waiting on US to act on the promises of what He has already DONE. Salvation is an example easy to see, but the principle applies to all of God's promises.

23. **MAT 7:24** Therefore **everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.** 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat

against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But **everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.** 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, & the winds blew & beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

24. **JAM 2:14** What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 17 In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by (corresponding) action, is dead.** 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." **Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.** 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. 20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor **Abraham** considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that **his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.** 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "**Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,**" and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that **a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.** 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 **As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds (CORRESPONDING ACTION) is dead.**
25. **ACT 14:7** And there **they preached the gospel.** 8 And there sat **a certain man at Lystra,** impotent in his feet, being **a cripple from his mother's womb,** who never had walked: 9 **The same heard Paul speak:** who stedfastly beholding him, and **perceiving that he had faith to be healed,** 10 **Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.**

Paul: Preached the Gospel.

Perceived the man had faith.

Told the man to rise and walk.

The Man: Heard the Gospel.

Developed faith to be healed.

Leaped and walked (was healed).

26. **JOS 6:2** Then **the LORD said to Joshua,** "See, **I HAVE DELIVERED Jericho into your hands,** along with its king and its fighting men. 3 **March around the city** once with all the armed men. Do this **for six days.** 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. **On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.** 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! 20 **When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.**

Faith Requires Corresponding Speech:

27. **2CO 4:13** **It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken."** **With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.**
28. **HEB 13:5** *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For **He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*** 6 **SO we may BOLDLY SAY: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"**
29. **MAR 11:13** And seeing from afar **a fig tree** having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response **Jesus SAID to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."** And His disciples heard *it.* 20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "**Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.**" 22 So **Jesus answered and said** to them, "**Have faith in God.** 23 "For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.** 24 "**THEREFORE** I say to you, **whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**

Notice that believing you have received comes FIRST. Then the actual manifestation comes LATER.

30. **ISA 17:45** **David SAID to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.** 46 **This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.** 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for **the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give all of you into our hands.**" 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. 50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; **without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed**

him. 54 David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, and he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.

31. **REV 12:11** And **they (Christians) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY;** and they loved not their lives unto the death.
32. **IJO 4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
33. **MAR 5:25** Now **a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,** 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 When **she HEARD about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.** 28 **For she SAID, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."** 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And **Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"** 31 But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, **"Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."**

Faith Requires Corresponding Thoughts:

34. **ROM 12:1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with **the measure of faith God has given you.**

How do you see yourself? Do you see yourself sick, financially strapped, barely getting along in life? You need to change your vision of your self to what God says of you. You need to renew your mind.

How Can YOU Receive By Faith From God?

- A. Find scripture that clearly promises what you need or want.
- B. Read and meditate on the scripture(s) that make the promise. This may take some time, minutes, hours or even days or weeks.
- C. Pray and ask God to fulfil His promise.
- D. Thank God for the answer and giving you what was promised.
- E. Bring your whole being into line with your belief that you have received:
 - Thoughts:** Think corresponding thoughts. Do not allow thoughts contrary to your belief.
 - Speech:** Speak corresponding speech. Do not allow speech contrary to your belief.
 - Actions:** Act like your prayer has been answered. Act like you believe God.
- F. Consider **NOT** any contradicting circumstances of any kind.
- G. Do Not cast your pearls before swine. That is, be very careful about who you share your faith with. Share **ONLY** with those who are of like faith, and can **AGREE** with you.
- H. Be sure there is no unconfessed sin in your life.
- I. Be sure there is no unforgiveness of others.

So, What is Faith?	Revelation Knowledge in your mind	Belief in your heart	Confession
	Resultant Action	Patience	

35. **ROM 4:16** Therefore, **the promise comes by FAITH, so that it may be by grace** and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to **those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.**
36. **GAL 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **FAITH working through love.**
37. **HEB 6:11** We want each of you to **show this same DILIGENCE to the very end,** in order to make your hope sure. 12 **We do not want you to become lazy,** but to **imitate those who through FAITH and PATIENCE inherit what has been promised.**

Feelings FOLLOW faith, not precede faith. Feelings are the FRUIT of faith. You cannot count on feelings to see if God answered your prayer, that you are in fellowship with God, that you are saved, etc. If you follow feelings, you will be like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

38. **GAL 5:22** But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
39. **2PE 1:2** Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 **His divine power HAS GIVEN us everything we need for life and godliness** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises,

so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

How Can You Tell if Someone is Praying or Acting in Faith?

People are defeated in their prayer life because they don't see themselves with the answer. They see only the problem. They speak only of the problem. Get your mind, your speech, your vision on the answer!! A few simple questions will usually determine if a person is praying in faith & whether they will get the answer or not.

40. **HEB 4:3** Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest." And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.