

# FAITH

Faith is fundamental to our Christian walk and involves a commitment to do His will in our lives. It is a belief in, and a total trust in God. Initial or saving faith is a gift of God and involves recognizing and confessing Jesus as Lord and repentance for past sin:

Ephesians 2:8-9

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”*

Once saved, we have the Holy Spirit within, so faith is resident and available to us in all our endeavors. Since we are to be led by the Spirit (Romans 8:11), i.e. we are to let Him direct our daily path.

Galatians 3:11

*“Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, The righteous man shall live by faith.”*

As God speaks in any situation, we can “go to the bank” on what He says. However, we can’t “faith” things and expect God to move unless He has specifically spoken.

Romans 10:17

*“So faith {comes} from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”*

Even if what God says doesn’t seem to make much sense in the natural, we must be faithful to hold fast to what He says and not what we see or hear.

Hebrews 11:1

*“Now faith is the assurance of {things} hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

Our good works attest to or prove our trust (faith) in Him.

James 2:14

*“What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?”*

What really pleases God is our trusting (being obedient to Him) in everything:

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.”*