

Faith in God

- Hebrews 6:1, "... and faith in God."
- **Please Read: Hebrews 11:1-3** *Now Faith Is*

Hebrews 11:1 AMP, "NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]."

Hebrews 1:3 AMP, "Jesus is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power."

- It was through Faith that God created the universe
- Faith in God is simply taking Him at His Word – anything less calls God a liar
- **2 Cor. 5:7**, states that we "*Walk by faith and not by sight*" – faith is not a feeling
- **Ro. 14:23**, declares that everything that does not come from faith is sin

Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

- The subject of Faith, like Hope and Love in **1 Corinthians 13:13**, are huge subjects
- Hope is always future tense, it's the goal, dream or blueprint- **Ro. 8:24-25**
- Faith is present tense, if it's not now than it's not faith- **Ro. 4:17; Mk. 11:22-25**

Gal 5:6 AMP- "*but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love*"

1 Th. 1:3, "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Through Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."

- The promises in the Bible are all given by God's grace and received through our faith
- This is how we received salvation and this is how we receive anything from God

Three kinds of Faith

- *Natural Human Faith*: believing with the five senses (Thomas kind of faith)- **Jn. 20:24-29**
- *Bible Faith*: Christians believing God's Word in their heart; not sinners- **2Th. 3:2; 2Pet 1:3**
- *Special Faith*: **1Cor.12:7-9**- God's faith operating through us to believe for the impossible

The Rest of God

- **Please Read: Numbers 13:17-14:12** *Israel serves as an example*
- **Heb. 3:19**, “So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.”
- Unbelief is a rebellious and stubborn refusal to believe- deliberate rejection of truth
- Doubt is to waver, double-minded and be tossed back and forth- **Eph. 4:14; Jas. 1:5-8**
- Unbelief is of the heart and being double minded is in the head- doubts and unsure
- Cure of unbelief is repentance and the cure for doubt is to renew the mind with Word
- **Please Read: Hebrews 4:1-11**

Faith is the catalyst when mixed with the Word of God, releases the power of God to manifest what we were believing for. Faith is like the light switch, when turned on things happen.

The Word of Faith

The “Word of Faith” message is not a charismatic fad that is here today and gone tomorrow, nor is it a label for a Christian denomination or representative of some religious group.

- According to **Ro. 12:3**, as Christians we all start out with the same measure of faith
- **Ro. 10:17** states that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
- Meditate means to “Speak out loud”; with the tongue we plant the Word in our heart
 - o **Jos. 1:8; Ps. 1:1-3; 119:148; Isa. 59:21; 55:10; Ps. 141:3**

The first stage of confessing God’s Word is doing little more than causing faith to come. This is not a formula. This is a way of life. The only way we can measure our faith is to measure the amount of Word that is in our heart. The Kingdom of God within us grows as our faith grows. Our faith grows only as we meditate on the Word of God- not about Bible memorization.

- Christianity is known as the great confession- **1 Tim. 6:12; Heb. 3:1; 4:14; 10:23**
- Seed faith principles; the power of words, the creative force of the tongue
 - o **Gen. 1:11-12, 29; 8:22; Ps. 33:6,9; Pr. 18:21; Mk. 4:26; Jn. 6:63; 1 Pet. 1:23**
- Our Faith grows as we speak it and act on it- **Mt. 7:21-27; Lk. 8:21; Jas. 1:22-25; 2:14-26**
- **1 John 5:14-15**- Faith begins where the will of God is known
- God’s word is God’s will and the Bible is God speaking to us- final authority- **1 Th. 2:13**

2 Cor. 10:15, “Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand.”

2 Th. 1:3, “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.”

- **Please Read: Deuteronomy 30:11-14; Romans 10:1-17** *The Word of Faith!*
- The two guiding principles: 1st Word in our mouth and 2nd Word in our heart
- Word of Faith's goal is to get the Word into our heart, and not just our head
- Mental assent is a counterfeit to real faith; merely head knowledge or premature faith
 - o It intellectually agrees with the Bible as merely information and is very passive
- Certainly our minds need to be renewed with the Word- opens the door to our spirit

Spirit of Faith

God's Word that is conceived in our heart, then formed by the tongue, and spoken out of our own mouth, becomes a spiritual force releasing the ability of God within us. The spoken Word of God is creative power. The kingdom of God responds to faith filled words. God never did anything that He didn't say first. He said it, then He did it. The power to do it was in the spoken Word. One translation of the Bible (The concordant literal NT) puts Luke 1:37 this way, *"It will not be impossible with God to fulfill his every declaration."*

- The Spirit of Faith picks up where the Word of Faith leaves off
- Word of Faith gets the Word in our spirit; Spirit of Faith speaks Word from our heart
- The Word of Faith is confession unto faith; Spirit of Faith is a confession of faith- release
- The Spirit of Faith is what moves the mountains- **Mk. 11:22-24; Lk. 17:5**

The mountain has no choice when we operate in the Spirit of Faith! We are calling it the way we want it; not the way it appears. The mountain of problem must obey, it has no other choice. Notice in the ministry of Jesus, that He talked to trees, to the wind, sea, dead people, and demons- they all obeyed Him. Jesus always operated in the Spirit of Faith; that is why everything He said came to pass. He did not have to meditate on the Scriptures through the Word of Faith principles in order to get the Word in His heart like we do. That is why many Christians get confused when nothing happens. When speaking to the mountain, they have overlooked the precondition to faith; believe in their heart, what they say will come to pass.

2 Cor. 4:13, "It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak." *Those who say they can and those who say they can't are both right!*

- **Please Read: Romans 4:16-21** *Spirit of Faith = Being Fully Persuaded!*
- 3 kinds confession: Jesus' Lordship- **Ro.10:9**; Believer's sins- **1Jn.1:9**; Promises- **2Pet. 1:2**
Confession: 1st Locates us(**Mt. 12:33**), 2nd Landmarks(**Num. 13:26**); 3rd Life/Death(**Pr.18:21**)

Confession is affirming (agreeing with God) something that we believe, it's testifying to something that we know and it's witnessing to a truth that we've embraced. We are to confess what Jesus has done for us in redemption, who we are in Him and what God wants to do through us.