

Faith toward God

Hebrews 6:1-2

[1] Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

[2] Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

I. What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

II. Our Faith gives us right standing with God

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

III. Faith is necessary to please God

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him : for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

IV. Faith Accommodates the Supernatural

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

V. Faith is Created by what you Hear

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

VI. We live by our Faith

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

A. Faith produces Salvation, Redemption, Propitiation, Reconciliation, Justification, New Birth

B. Our Faith creates our Limitations and Liberties (I Corinthians 8)

Romans 14:1-3

[1] Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

[2] For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

[3] Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

C. We make a living based on our faith

D. In death our faith transitions us into eternal life

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ...

VII. Faith must be Strengthened and Increased

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Ghost,

VIII. Faith is a Shield

Ephesians 6:13-16

[13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

[14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

[15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

[16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ...

IX. We must learn to have Faith

A. In God

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God

B. His Word

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

C. His Prophets

2 Chronicles 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

D. In Ourselves

Philippians 4:13

[13] I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

X. Faith Creates More Faith

Romans 1:17

[17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith