

FAITH PT 1

I. 2 COR 13:5 “**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith**”

A. Lk 8:15 “Where is your faith?”

B. 1 Cor 16:13 **Def Stand Fast:** be stationary, persevere / **Def Hold fast:** retain, to seize / **Def wavering:** wear away

C. **Def Faith:** to rely upon, have unhesitating assurance of the truth of God’s testimony, even though unsupported by any other evidence

1. Forsaking

All

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Trust

Him

D. Faith is not presumptuous: Rather it rests upon a full assurance of God as revealed through the Word of God.

Faith is based upon a Rhema word: Romans 10:17 (Read)

1. Paul said in Acts 27:25 “ For **I believe God** that it shall be **even as it was told me**”

a. Many things speak into our life other than the Word of God & Holy Spirit, such as:

(1) circumstances, fears, our flesh, people with evil reports & the devil

(2) Paul choose to believe God’s report in the midst of the storm

II. Faith like first comes to us as a **GIFT FROM GOD:** EPH 2:8 / Def Gift: a present

A. We are to develop ...grow our faith: 2 Thess 1:3 “faith growth exceedingly”

1. Lk 17:5 “Lord, increase our faith”

2. 2 Cor 10:15 “when your faith is increased”

3. 2 Pet 1:5 “add to your faith”

B. God expects us to mature our faith: 1 Cor 1:23

1. “**Continue** in the faith” / Def Continue: to remain, persevere

2. “**Grounded**” in the faith / Def Grounded: lay the foundation

3. “**Settled**” in the faith / Def Settled: immovable & steadfast

III. Faith requires **ACTION: James 2:20 “faith without works is dead”**

Examples of Faith in Action: Heb 11:7-28

A. **Abel:** vs 4 “offered a more excellent sacrifice”

B. **Enoch:** vs 5 “he had a testimony, that pleased God”

C. **Noah:** vs 7 “warned of God of things not seen as yet ... prepared the ark”

D. **Abraham:** vs 8 “was called to go into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed, went out, not knowing whither he went”

1. vs 17 “By faith Abraham ... offered Isaac”

E. **Sara:** vs 11 “Through faith Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed ... past age”

F. **Isaac:** vs 20 “By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come”

G. **Jacob:** vs 21 “when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph”

H. **Joseph:** vs 22 “by faith Joseph ... made mention of the departing of the children of Israel (from Egypt) gave command concerning his bones”

I. **Moses:** vs 23 “when he was born, was hid three months of his parents ... they were not afraid of the king’s command”

1. vs 27 “by faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king”

2. vs 28 “through faith kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood”

3. vs 28 “by faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry ground”

J. **Joshua:** vs 30 “by faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days”

K. **Rahab:** vs 31 “she received the spies with piece”

III. **When Jesus returns, He will be looking for FAITH:**

A. Lk 18:8 “..when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?”

1. Will Jesus find faith in our heart?