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Being an Abider with an effective and flourishing prayer life requires faith. In order to grow in an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus, it's essential to understand what faith is and how it is attained.

WHAT IS FAITH?

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*

According to this faith-defining verse, its essence is the **assurance/conviction** of **"things hoped for... [yet] not seen"**. This means when we are operating in faith, we're hoping for something and even though we haven't seen it or possess it, we have an assurance that it's ours. It's like having the title deed to a property without actually stepping foot on it. The next question we must ask is, **"Am I hoping for the right things?"**

HOW DOES FAITH WORK?

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"
Ephesians 2:8*

Salvation is the greatest miracle any human being can experience. And Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:8 that it was accomplished **"by grace"** (the power of God), but **"through faith"** (the delivery mechanism). **Think of faith as a delivery pipeline constructed when God speaks.** The things we hope for, as revealed by God, are delivered **through** the faith **pipeline**. Grace is the hope, faith is the assurance/pipeline and salvation is the outcome.

The Bible is full of accounts of astounding miracles (hope) **spoken**

HOW DO WE GET FAITH?

*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ."
Roman 10:17*

True Biblical faith doesn't start with our needs or wants. True faith originates from every word **spoken** by Christ. Because of this reality, prayer must be a dialogue! **You have to hear God speak in order to receive faith.** When you hear the Word of Christ through abiding prayer, faith comes. **A Word from the Lord simultaneously provides 3 things:**

- 1. The object of your hope**
- 2. The assurance of its arrival**
- 3. The delivery mechanism of its manifestation**

by God, **delivered** through faith and manifested by **grace**. As Abiders and friends of Christ, what God reveals to us may often seem beyond reason. But **an Abider's faith isn't based on reason, but on what GOD SAID.** If God said it, we can hope for it with great assurance and expect its delivery **through faith by grace.**

NOTES:

MIDWEEK
NOON CLASS
WEDNESDAYS 12:00PM
AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Circle Maker
Series

MIDWEEK
Celebration

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT THE CYC
ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Getting it Together Now

8-WEEK CLASS

GET READY, GET SET, CUZ...


GET YOUR BOOK FOR THIS CLASS AT THE SERVE CORNER

BEGINNING SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH 10:30AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TO REGISTER EMAIL: GTNCLASS@COP.CHURCH

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SPIRITUAL REALM

What did God speak?

FAITH PIPELINE

GRACE

NATURAL REALM

Thought abiding, you can discover what God desires to do in your life and pray in agreement with His Kingdom coming and His will being done.

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven" - Matthew 6:10

What are you HOPING for?

MY ABIDING PRAYER

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAYS 5PM SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK

WEDNESDAYS 12NOON AND 7PM AT THE CATHEDRAL
THURSDAYS 12NOON AT THE POWER CENTER

CENTERED LIFE
TV BROADCASTS

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 8PM
COMCAST CHANNEL 20 / DIRECT TV CHANNEL 14
SUREWEST CHANNEL 19

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