

Full of Faith

Full Experience of Salvation Series (FES-02)

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- 1 Peter 2:2

Add these qualities – 2 Peter 1

- God has given us everything we need for living a godly life
- Promises that enable you to share in his divine nature
- Add to your faith...
 - Moral excellence
 - Knowledge
 - Self-control
 - Patient endurance
 - Godliness
 - Brotherly affection
 - Love for everyone
- More productive and useful in your knowledge of Lord Jesus
- Do these things and you will never fall away
- God will give you grand entrance into the eternal kingdom
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Faith Defined

- Hebrews 11
 - The assurance of things hoped for
 - The conviction of things not seen
 - By it the men of old gained approval
 - By it we understand God created things seen out of things not visible
 - It is impossible to please God without faith
 - Believe that God exists
 - Believe that God is a rewarder of those who seek him

Faith Expressed

- Romans 4
 - Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping
 - Abraham's faith did not weaken
 - He considered his age and Sarah's womb
 - Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise

- His faith grew stronger
- He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises
- Abraham received God's stamp of approval (counted him as righteous)

- Ephesians 2:8

Abraham's limiter and negative encounters with people

- Genesis 15
 - You will have a son of your own who will be your heir
 - Abraham believed the Lord
 - The Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith
- Genesis 16
 - Sarah had not been able to bear children
 - Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham as a surrogate
 - Pregnant with contempt toward Sarah
 - Conflict between Sarah and Abraham
- Ishmael – will be a wild man, as untamed as a wild donkey
 - he will raise his fist against everyone
 - Everyone will be against him
 - He will live in open hostility against all his relatives
 - Genesis 17:20-21
- Genesis 21
 - The LORD kept his word
 - Sarah became pregnant
 - At just the time God had said it would
 - Ishmael making fun of Isaac
 - Sarah says to get rid of him
 - God says he will also make a great nation of Ishmael
- God's view to state Abraham's condition as never wavering
 - Direction of faith even when bobbling in doubt
 - Not a defiant refusal
 - Much like – "I believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24)

Living by faith

- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
 - The key to living by faith - seeing the promises of God as more real than the temporary circumstances
- Romans 1:16-17
- Galatians 2:20