

# FEELINGS, FAITH AND OUR FOCUS ON CHRIST

Hebrews 10:32-12:3

# 1. \_\_\_\_\_ or Revealed Truth? The Christian life cannot be built upon a foundation that will shift with every changing circumstance. And the great dilemma stands between what we feel to be true versus what we know is revealed by God. "But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." ~ Luke 6:39 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Revealed Truth

Your faith must rest in that which will endure for eternity. Experiences can cheat, feelings can lie, but God's revealed truth stands for all time as the only secure anchor for the Christian life.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.  $\sim 2$  Thessalonians 2:13

# 3. \_\_\_\_\_ on Revealed Truth

True faith is forged in the furnace of affliction. When God brings you through the time of trial, your focus must be upon the Lord Jesus Christ—for He is not only the Author, but the Perfecter of your faith.

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ~ 1 Peter 4:19

### 1 PETER 2:1-3

SO PUT AWAY ALL MALICE AND ALL DECEIT AND HYPOCRISY AND ENVY AND ALL SLANDER. LIKE NEWBORN INFANTS, LONG FOR THE PURE SPIRITUAL MILK, THAT BY IT YOU MAY GROW UP INTO SALVATION— IF INDEED YOU HAVE TASTED THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.



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# Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

### 1 John 3:20

...for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

### 1 Corinthians 4:4

For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

### **Psalm 19:8**

...the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

### **Ephesians 2:20**

...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

### Mark 13:22

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.

## John 17:8

For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

# John 14:6

Jesus said to them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### Hebrews 3:14

For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.