## Basic Christianity II – 3 "Faith Toward God"

## Hebrews 6:1-3

## [Importance of Faith]

1. Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

Saved by it

2. Romans 5:1-2 (KJV)

Justified or made righteous by it

- 3. Romans 1:17 (ref) / Galatians 3:11 (ref) / Hebrews 10:38 (ref) / Habakkuk 2:4 (ref)
  - ..... The just shall live by faith
- 4. II Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

We walk by faith, not by sight

5. Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

Faith is what pleases God

6. Mark 11:22 (KJV)

Jesus taught us to have faith in God

Faith (Greek) PISTIS = a firm persuasion based upon hearing

= moral conviction

= to believe: to trust

= to place confidence in

= to have total reliance upon

[ How Do We Get Faith? ] Romans 10:17 (KJV)

Faith is not a mental attitude or man-made, but rather a deep conviction of God's truth which produces actions in relation to that truth. Faith toward God is total belief and reliance on God, not based on what I've seen, but based on what I've heard and have come to know because of my relationship with God and <u>His Word</u>.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Ex. - Thomas (John 20:29)

"I won't believe until...."

"Blessed is he that believes and hasn't seen."

Ex. – Elisha and his servant (II Kings 6:8-21) (ref)

"There are more with us than them."?

Elisha prays for the servant's eyes to be opened

## [ Belief vs. Unbelief ]

- 1. Hebrews 3:19 (KJV)
- 2. Hebrews 4:6 (KIV)

"Unbelief"

3. John 16:7-11 (KJV)

"Because they believe not...."

"Unpardonable sin" (Matthew 12:32 – KJV)

Mark 3:28 (KJV)

4. John 8:23-24

Unbelief

5. John 3:14-20

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