

# FAITH TOWARDS GOD

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The core meaning of Faith in the Bible is the Lord's in worked persuasion.

## A. Faith Towards God

1. Jesus preached \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:15)
2. Paul preached \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:21)
3. The second principle of the doctrine of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 6:1).

## B. How Important Is Faith?

Faith is the foundation of the entire Christian life. (Hebrews 11:6, John 1:12, Romans 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4).

Nothing can be known or received of God unless man first believes in His existence; and secondly, that God has revealed Himself in His Word, the Bible.

## C. What Are Some False Concepts About Faith?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## D. What Is Faith?

*Now faith is the assurance [the confirmation, the title deed] of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality faith perceiving as a real fact what is not revealed to his senses.* (Hebrews 11:1, AMP)

1. Faith (noun) – faith, belief, firm persuasion, assurance, firm conviction, honesty, integrity, faithfulness, truthfulness
2. Believe (verb) – to trust in, put faith in, confide in, rely on a person, or thing, have a mental persuasion, to entrust, commit to the charge or power of (2 Timothy 1:12)

Faith is *pístis* - Properly, persuasion (God giving His persuasion about what pleases Him)

The root is *peíthō* - to persuade or be persuaded.

## E. What Is The Source Of True Faith?

The only source of true Biblical faith is the Word of God, \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:4-17)

The Word of God comes in a variety of ways:

1. The Word spoken in creation (Genesis 1; John 1:1-3)
2. The prophetic Word (2 Peter 1:20-21)
3. The written Word (Logos) (Luke 24:44)
4. The Living Word (Jesus Christ) (John 1:1-3, 14)

In Hebrews 11 each of the faith heroes received a word from God.

The manner in which Abraham manifests faith is the manner in which we must manifest faith (Hebrews 11:8-12; Romans 4:16-21)

- He heard the Word
- Hope concerning the future was a result of his faith in the present
- He refused to accept the evidences of his senses
- He did not waiver in his commitment
- He rejoiced in the word as an accomplished fact

Faith is a condition of the heart, not the mind. It is in the present, not only the future. It produces a positive change in our behaviour and experience. It is based solely on God's Word and accepts the testimony of the senses only when it agrees with the text of God's Word. It is expressed by confession with the mouth. (Read Romans 10:8-13).

#### F. Are There Different Levels of Faith?

1. God gives to every believer \_\_\_\_\_ of faith (Romans 12:3-6)
2. Faith is likened to a seed. A seed has the potential to grow

Examples:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:30)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 8:10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (James 2:22)

#### G. In Relationship to Faith, How Do We Appropriately Use God's Word?

1. Receive the quickened promises in God's Word that applies to the need (Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 1:20)
2. Fulfil all the conditions attached to that promise (Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 1:19-20; Psalm 37:5)
3. With patience accept the trying of your faith and God's testing of your faith in the Word (Hebrews 6:12-15; Psalm 105:19; James 1:3-4)
4. We must firmly maintain faith unto the fulfilment of the promise (2 Peter 1:3-4).
5. Our confession should always be in harmony with God's Word (Hebrews 3:1; 1 John 5:14)
6. Actively looking to Jesus is one of the keys to a victorious Christian life (Hebrews 12:2)
7. Our faith cannot be based on feelings, but must be firmly based on Scripture (John 3:16; 1:12; Revelation 12:10-11; 1 John 1:9)