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Faith . . . What is It?

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Have you ever asked yourself what is faith? The Lord has given each and every person a measure of faith. You might say, "Well I don't have any." But, you do. Jesus was given faith without measure.

1. Faith is my grip on God. There is a natural faith: when you sit on chair and believe it will hold you so you will not fall on the floor.

2. Redemption -- is His, God's, grip on me; and He will hold you up by the faith He has given to you.

3. His grip on me is bigger than my grip on Him. Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Build your faith by reading, learning, and knowing the word of God. You will increase your faith when you begin to use your faith. It grows just like we grow. As your faith grows, you than can believe for even greater things in your life.

We must understand faith by the message of Christ. He was called our measuring stone. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were written under the old covenant. Jesus walked around here on the earth giving out free samples. Do you want a free sample from Him, like salvation, healing, peace, joy, forgiveness, and no more strong holds in your life? He (Jesus) is the answer; just accept Him.

So let's move on. Jesus passed out free samples of the king or of Himself. It is free. The leprosy man knew Jesus could heal him,

but he didn't know if Jesus would. Jesus said, "I will." The man was healed. Our faith is not in what Jesus can do but what Jesus will do. Faith receives what God has already done. Just receive it today. Jesus took our death when He died on the cross. He is the kernel of wheat that fell in the ground. If the kernel die, it brings forth. The principle of life through death is seen in the plant world. The planted kernel must perish as a kernel if there is to be a plant that is to come forth with the potential of bearing much fruit. Wheat is used as an example of death. This principle is found in John 12:24: "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**" When you get in Jesus, you will feed on Him. If you do not see Jesus' death as your own death, you abide alone. We need more of Jesus and less of ourselves. Bless you all. Amen.

Planning for 2017

Another new year, new experiences, uncharted territories for God! Are you ready for what God has planned for your life? Are you ready to enter into what God has planned for Rivers of Living Water in 2017? Let's embrace what God is doing with each of us as we work together for His Glory!

Mark your calendar . . .

Sunday, January 22, will be our Annual Business Meeting after our Family Potluck.

The alternative date, in case of inclement weather, will be the following Sunday, Jan. 29.

All members are expected to be in attendance for this meeting so you will know the direction for our body of believers that God has shared with our leadership.

Important Notices

Since our Executive Council is responsible for giving the final approval for activities planned by our various departments, they are asking **all departments: Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Youth, Praise Team, etc.** to submit any 2017 plans for approval and placement on our church calendar. To be placed on their next agenda for consideration, activities need to be submitted to the Church Office by **Sunday, Jan. 8.**

As has been the custom of our Church Office, we will have your 2016 charitable donations record available for you to pick up on Sunday, January 8.

Coming January Events

Sunday, Jan. 15 – Executive Council Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 21 – Brothers & Sisters in Christ Meeting will be **10 a.m.** at Arby's

Sunday, Jan. 22 – Family Potluck & Annual Church Business Meeting immediately after Morning Worship service

Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Deadline for February Channel articles. Please submit all information to Rev. Julia Schwert.

Sunday, Jan. 29 – Youth Day Service – Theme: **“New Beginnings”**

Sunday, Jan. 29 – Alternative Date for Family Potluck & Annual Church Business Meeting

WINTER WARNING

Winter is upon us! As most of our members know, if the weather where you live is ever inclement, please use your own judgement to determine if you can safely attend the scheduled service. We want our family to be safe! Any offerings you have can be brought to the next

service or if you prefer, you may mail them to PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420.

Any cancellations due to weather will be announced on the following TV Channels as early as possible:

Channel 11 – WTOL
Channel 13 – WTVG
Channel 24 – WNWO

If we have a current telephone number for you, we will attempt to contact you by phone. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep the Church Office up-to-date on your telephone number and your address.

Regular Service Times

Sunday

10 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation

6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 – 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.

Saturday

6 – 7 p.m. – Prayer



Feed **your** Soul
every week.

BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

The men and women will have a combined meeting this month on **Saturday, Jan. 21**, at **10 a.m.** at **Arby's**. Please invite someone to fellowship with us.

Amateur “Ham” Radio

We have an Amateur Radio Station (Ham) at our church. We have been receiving post cards from people all over the world who have been contacted with our radio.

If anyone 12 years of older within the church or someone outside the church, is interesting in training for their “HAM” license, please contact Deacon Chuck Foster at 419-552-4951.

