

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.