

GREATEST LOVE CHURCH

FOUNDATION SCHOOL

CLASS 2

FAITH



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“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of FAITH toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.” Heb.6:1-3

What is Faith?

The dictionary defines Faith as a complete trust in a person or something. Paul, in Hebrews 11:1 says: Faith is the SUBSTANCE of things HOPED for, the EVIDENCE of things not SEEN.

Faith expects you to be full of hope. It gives flesh or life to what you hope for by an action. Faith is not just believing but believing and acting. For instance, Salvation which means healing, deliverance and prosperity is by faith. You are healed by believing, meditating on the word, and confessing your healing. You are delivered by believing, meditating on the word, resisting the devil, and confessing your deliverance. Prosperity comes by believing, confession, and giving. For faith to come alive you must work the work of Faith. James 2:14-24

The bible says: **“the just shall live by faith”** in four different scriptures of the bible. (Hab.2:4, Rom.1:17, Gal.3:11, & Heb.10:38). This means a believer’s survival is dependent on FAITH. A believer can only please God by having Faith in Him. (Heb11:6). Obeying the law is good, but having faith justifies a believer

“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them.” Galatians 3:11&12

Paul in this scripture wants us to know that our justification is not what we do or didn’t do but, in complete trust in God who strengthens us in our weaknesses. Paul, in Hebrews talks about the consequence of not growing in Faith because You are either growing in Faith or backsliding into Perdition (hell fire).

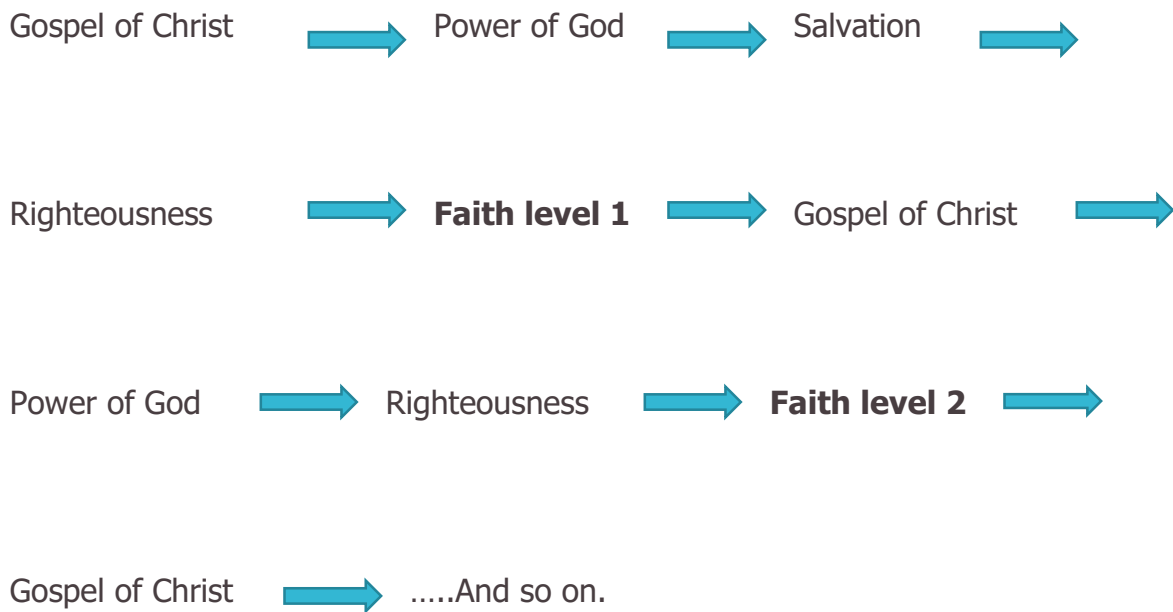
"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

Hebrews 10:38 &39

HOW DOES FAITH COME AND GROW?"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith." Romans1:16&17

Paul says we can only know about the righteousness of God as we grow from faith to faith through the gospel of Christ. Let us break this down. In this scripture, there are 5 key words.

1. **GOSPEL OF CHRIST** which is the good news or the word of God. This means Faith starts with the word of God. (reading, studying, meditating, believing, confessing, and preaching the word of God).
Read: **Romans10:17, Joshua1:8, 2Timothy2:15, 1Peter2:2, Psalm1:1-3, John1:1-5, Hebrew 11:1-3, Psalm 119:105, Psalm119:130.** When the word of God is established in the heart, it is converted to the life, power, and the wisdom of God.
2. **POWER OF GOD**, according to Paul in Ephesians 1:19&20, raised Jesus from the dead, and sat him on the right hand of God the father. Paul also says this power dictates how much happens in the life of a believer in Ephesians 3:20. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power that worketh in us.**" This work is simply the salvation of God.
3. **SALVATION** which is originally broken down to Healing, Deliverance, and Prosperity. (refer to class 1)
4. **RIGHTEOUSNESS of God** is the very life of God. Righteousness, Peace, and Joy is the kingdom of God (Romans14:17). Righteousness is not just holiness or purity. It is everything God stands for. For example, it is a righteous thing for God to pay your enemies a visit. (**2Thess.1:16**). That really sounds good. This righteousness according to our scripture is revealed as we grow from faith to faith. The more faith level you attain, the more you see the kingdom of God.
5. **FAITH to FAITH**, clearly means faith grows as the word of God grows in our heart to produce the power of God within us.



“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
Romans10:17

PRACTICAL DESCRIPTION OF FAITH

“And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Mark11:22&24

Jesus, exhorting his disciples said they needed faith but their heart and their mouth needed to be active to bring the result to pass.

Before you pray about anything, it is good to settle it in your heart first believing it is POSSIBLE, and then speaking it forth.

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:10

Salvation which originally means Healing, Deliverance, and Prosperity, must be believed with the heart, taking care of every doubt, and then diligently confessing what you believe with your mouth. Your doubts are nullified by meditating on the word of God, which is quick and powerful.

CONCLUSION

Faith takes you from the realm of impossibility to the realm of Possibility.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke1:37

"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Matthew19:26

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark9:23

Home work:

Memorize Joshua1:8 & Proverbs4:20-23