# **UNDERSTANDING FAITH**

### FAITH IS A RELATIONSHIP

<u>Gal. 2:20</u> I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

<u>Heb. 12:1</u> Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

<u>Heb. 12:2</u> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<u>Heb. 6:19</u> Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

<u>Heb. 6:20</u> Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

<u>2Tim. 1:12</u> For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

<u>1Pet. 5:6</u> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: <u>1Pet. 5:7</u> Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

<u>Rom. 8:32</u> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

<u>Rom. 8:38</u> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

<u>Rom. 8:39</u> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<u>Rom. 5:17</u> For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

<u>Rom, 5:10</u> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

## FAITH HAS AN "IMAGE LIKE GOD"

<u>Gen. 1:26</u> And God said, <u>Let us make man in our image, after our likeness</u>: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

<u>2Cor. 3:18</u> But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord<u>, are changed into</u> <u>the same image</u> from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

<u>Col. 3:9</u> Lie not one to another, seeing that <u>ye have put off the old man with his deeds</u>; <u>Col. 3:10</u> And <u>have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:</u> <u>1Cor. 11:7</u> For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as <u>he is the image and glory of</u> <u>God:</u> but the woman is the glory of the man.

<u>Rom. 8:29</u> For whom he did foreknow, <u>he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his</u> <u>Son,</u> that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

## FAITH UNDERSTANDS GOD'S WAYS

<u>Heb. 3:10</u> Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and <u>they have not known my ways.</u>

Heb. 3:11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Heb. 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

<u>Prov. 9:10</u> The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and <u>the knowledge of the holy *is*</u> <u>understanding.</u>

<u>Rom. 4:16</u> Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

<u>Gal. 5:6</u> For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but <u>faith</u> which worketh by love.

<u>2Cor. 1:24</u> Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: <u>for by faith</u> <u>ye stand.</u>

<u>Rom. 14:23</u> And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

<u>Mark 11:25</u> And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

<u>Mark 11:26</u> But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Matt. 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

<u>Eph. 4:32</u> And be ye <u>kind</u> one to another, <u>tenderhearted</u>, <u>forgiving one another</u>, even as <u>God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you</u>.

#### FAITH SPEAKS

<u>James 3:2</u> For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

<u>James 3:6</u> And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

<u>Heb. 10:23</u> Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

<u>Heb. 4:14</u> Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

<u>2Cor. 4:13</u> We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Prov. 15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

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#### (1) THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Eph. 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

#### (2) A LAW

<u>Rom. 3:27</u> Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

#### (3) GOD'S MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Rom. 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

#### (4) HOW WE PLEASE GOD

Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

#### (5) HOW WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

<u>Gal. 3:2</u> This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

#### (6) HOW WE RECEIVE ANSWERED PRAYER

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

#### (7) HOW WE LIVE IN JOY AND PEACE

Rom. 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

#### (8) HOW WE ARE EDIFIED AND BUILT UP

<u>1Tim. 1:4</u> Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

<u>1Tim. 1:5</u> Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

#### (9) HOW WE RECEIVE WISDOM FROM GOD

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

#### (10) HOW WE RECEIVE MIRACLES

<u>Gal. 3:5</u> He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

#### (11) HOW WE OVERCOME THE WORLD

<u>1 John 5:4</u> For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

#### (12) HOW WE UNDERSTAND

Heb. 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

#### (13) HOW WE ENTER INTO HIS REST

Heb. 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest

#### (14) HOW WE STAND

<u>2Cor. 1:24</u> Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

#### (15) HOW WE RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISES

Heb. 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

#### (16) HOW WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Rom. 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed.

#### (17) HOW WE ARE HEALED

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up

#### (18) HOW OUR CONFESSIONS COME TO PASS

<u>Mark 11:23</u> 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.

#### (19) HOW WE RESIST THE DEVIL

Eph. 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

#### (20) HOW WE RECEIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS

Gal. 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.