

Faith

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Read Heb 10:32-11:6

Heb 11:1. "Now faith is being sure of what we h_____ for and certain of what we do not see." Heb 11:6: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he e_____ and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

What is faith?

Faith is always grounded in the c_____ of God. It is faith *IN* God.

Faith is founded on the p_____, on God's actions there, on His mighty power.

Faith is not blindness but s_____. It is not a leap *from* reason but *to* it.

By faith we sense God's activity in the Spiritual, we discern His will in our present, and we speak His will into b_____.

The spiritual is the world of cause, this is the world of e_____.

Thus faith is acting in the present as if God's future p_____ are true.

Faith is our capacity to believe God when there is nothing v_____ but His word.

Our faith in God's e_____ fosters faithful actions based on His Character of trustworthiness that is established in the Bible.

Why is faith necessary? How does faith please God?

Faith pleases God because it is based on r_____.

Mat 17:20 Often Jesus says people are healed because of their f_____, and refuses miracles to those who lack faith and instead seek proof.

God does not seek a love that is c_____, but a love that is freely given.

If we already believe in Him and His power, He does not s_____ us nor ruin our love when He acts. Thus faith gives God the freedom to intervene on our behalf.

John 20:29 "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have b_____."

Faith is the mechanism that helps remove the s_____ of God from our conscious recognition. Faith makes it so that we can act without compulsion.

How do we grow faith?

Faith is both a g_____ of God as well as a choice of human w_____.

Rom 10:17 Faith comes from hearing the w_____ of Christ (the Bible).

Any misrepresentation of God's character (theological error) hinders our ability to know His will and trust Him/have faith. We must therefore guard our doctrine!

Luke 17:5 We can p_____ for more faith, and it is strengthened by e_____.

Faith is like a m_____, we must exercise it or else it atrophies.

Faith leads to more f_____, and is also strengthened by the faith of others.