

- Essential issues about Faith
- 1. What you believe effects your daily life.
- 2. Object of your faith is the power or effectiveness of your faith.
- 3. Is your faith the faith God is looking for?
- 4. Faith is passive, not active, faith is not doing but receiving what God does.
- Childlike faith

- 1. What is faith?
- 2. Faith is an act of trust.
- 3. Faith is resting, relying, trusting in a member of the Godhead to perform in my behalf
- 4. It is faith, but why is it faith?
- 5. The power of faith or the effectiveness of faith is always in the object of faith, never how much faith you have.
- 6. Is your faith the faith God is looking for?
- 7. We are saved by faith & we are to live by faith.
- Rom. 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "but the righteous man shall live by faith."

- 2 Cor. 5:7 for we walk by faith not by sight.
- Isa. 26:3 "The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in Thee.
- 4 "Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.
- Our flesh nature is opposed to grace.
- Our flesh nature is opposed to faith.
- Col. 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.
- Heb. 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

- Faith is the victory in the Spiritual Warfare!
- 1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world, and this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith.
- 5 and who is the one who overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God
- Rom. 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

- 8. Faith & Obedience.
- The obedience that God is looking for is our faith
- Rom. 1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith or the obedience that is faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake,
- Rom. 16:26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; or the obedience that is faith

- 2 Thes. 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God & to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- 1. Your view of God is either that He is a God you have to do something for, perform for or that you simply trust in the one He sends.
- 2. The gospel of God calls for faith alone, and this is true of the gospel for the unbeliever or the gospel for the believer. The gospel is designed for the obedience that is faith.
- 3. Throughout the whole bible, the gospel flow of the bible, callss for obedience that is faith.

- 9. The issue of faith is always the object of faith, the substance of faith.
- Faith has no power!
- We are not saved by faith, we are saved by the person & work of Jesus Christ.
- 1 Cor. 15:17 & if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.
- 10. Faith is passive, not active!
- That is faith is the means of receiving from God.

- 11. Does Faith need to be enlarged?
- Matt. 17:20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.
- 2 Thes. 1:3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

- It is not a matter that the more difficult circumstances in your life require more faith, it is simply that it is more difficult to trust Him even with a tiny bit of faith, which is all God is looking for!
- To say that God is looking for more faith, makes faith a works.
- How do we enlarge our faith into all areas of our lives?
- Luke 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
- 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

- Rom. 10:16 However, they did not all heed/obey the glad tidings good news for Isaiah says, “Lord who has believed our report?”
- 17 So intro. a point about faith faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
- 12. Jesus Christ is the pattern of our life of faith
- Heb. 12:1b and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- 13. Faith is the means whereby we receive and are benefited by what only God can do!
- Faith glorifies God, not man

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- 11. Is it faith that needs to be enlarged?
- 12. Jesus Christ is our pattern of faith.
- 13. Faith Glorifies God!