

The 2 Elements of Faith

Everyone has faith, only few live by it - Heb 11

There is only one RIGHT FAITH - Mark 11:22 - "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.

Life receiving Faith

We get Faith from hearing the Word of Christ - Rom 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ

The only acceptable relationship with God is through Faith - Heb 11:6 -And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Faith is our pathway to access God's Grace which gives us life - Rom 5:1-2-Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Faith is our complete trust in God, not something we've done - Eph 2:8-9 - 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Though we all have access to faith, some allow their faith to be weak - Rom 14:1-2 - Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. 2 One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

It's not about volume it's about strength - Matt 17:20 - He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

True faith will be displayed by actions - James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

This means faith is a lifestyle - 2 Cor 5:7 We LIVE by faith, NOT by sight.

Simply put, not living by faith is sin - Rom 14:23 -But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and EVERYTHING that does not come from faith is sin.

Apportioned Faith

God places us in the body where He sees fit - 1 Cor 12:18 -But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, EVERY ONE OF THEM, just as he wanted them to be.

The initial faith allows us to ACCEPT the allotted Faith God has given us

...in who we are and, in our roles- Rom 12:3-8 - 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the MEASURE OF FAITH God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

... In the Spiritual gifts 1 Cor 12:4-11 - 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.