

All about Faith

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I. Introduction.

A. Faith is found on almost every page of the Bible because it is the means by which man receives anything at all from God.

B. It is impossible to please God without faith. (Hebrews)

C. Explanations of faith.

1. Faith giving access to the mystery of Christ in you—the hope of glory. (Romans)

2. Faith making possible you in Christ. (Hebrews)

II. Though faith is essential for an experience with God, when you examine it you cannot define it or pin it down because faith in itself is of no value whatsoever. (Hebrews)

A. The one thing necessary for human life is drawing near to God.

B. There is nothing we can prove—we can only make an evaluation to a point and then we must trust.

C. Faith must come from the Word of God, which has its own remarkable quality about it.

III. It is not faith until you venture. (James)

A. Faith not ventured is dead.

B. Faith will not show favoritism, it will watch its tongue, it will cease strife, it will teach patience, so on.

IV. Faith must be strengthened in the midst of trial. (Peter)

A. Trials happen to encourage faith that makes us like Jesus Christ.

B. In reaching a lost world, it costs.

V. Faith believes continually walking in love, light and life, truth and obedience. (John 3:23, I John-III John)

VI. We are to be strong in faith because it is possible to have great possession in Christ without experiencing them. (Jude)

VII. There is no limit to the great promises when we step out in faith.

Application questions:

1. Why is faith something that is so difficult to grasp?

2. What does James have to say about faith in regards to what we do? Does this mean that works save? Explain.

3. What role does faith play in trials, and what experiences have you had where faith has helped in difficult circumstances?
