

Faith

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on Faith. In this tract we are going to try to explain what faith really is. We say we have faith because we believe Jesus is the son of God, but is that enough?
Matthew 17:20

Verse 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Hebrews 11:1, 6

Verse 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Verse 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.

Faith is having hope and trust in what the Bible tells us. It is difficult because you cannot visually see that which the Bible is telling you; but that is where having faith comes in. We just read how much faith we need to move mountains. A mustard seed is approximately 0.1 inch in diameter, so how much faith do we all really have?

Romans 8:24, 25

Verse 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Verse 25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

2 Corinthians 4:18

Verse 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Verse 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

This tells us clearly that hoping for something you can see is not hope at all, as you know it can be reached because you have seen it. Not knowing the outcome of something and still believing in it is what hope and faith is.

James 2:17, 18, 20

Verse 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Verse 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Verse 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

We need to show our faith by our works, this means that saying you believe in Jesus being our saviour is not enough. We need to show our faith, to do this you must follow the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 12:17

Verse 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

God loves and cares for all his people; but we will struggle from time to time, we just need to remember that God is with us if we believe and have faith in him.

Matthew 10:29 - 31

Verse 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

Verse 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Verse 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

1 Peter 5:6 - 8

Verse 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Verse 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Verse 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

The devil is out there looking for those who are struggling with their faith, so we must always be ready and waiting. We must have the faith that God will bring us through our struggles and difficult times.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Verse 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Peter 2:9

Verse 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

The devil will tempt us to fall away; but here we read that God will never allow us to be tempted past what we can handle, and he will always give us a way out. We just need to believe and have faith that he is always with us, even when we feel like he has left.

Mark 15:34

Verse 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Psalms 34:17

Verse 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Even Jesus himself cried out to God in his most troublesome time asking God, why have you forsaken me? This tells us here that bad things happen to everyone. Sometimes God's saints must suffer for a greater good, even God's only begotten son suffered to save us from our sins. Everyone struggles, it is okay to cry out to God; but just as Jesus did, you must keep the faith and trust God will deliver you from your hard times.

2 Timothy 4:7, 8

Verse 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Verse 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Let us hope that we too can be as confident as Paul was on his death bed. Keep the faith and stay strong, Jesus will return.

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