

Lesson # 4 -- The Biblical Explanation of Faith.

Introduction

- A. We have considered that faith is essentially an ability - a function - that all believers possess by the grace of God.
- B. As such, faith can only produce in our lives its promised result, when we learn how to "use" our gift of faith and continually do so.
- C. How can you "explain" the nature of faith? In this lesson I attempt to do so by presenting various summary principles regarding this essential gift of God.

I. Faith is a response to God and is based on Who He is.

Genesis 15:6 --

Matthew 9:28,29 --

Romans 4:3,20,21 --

Hebrews 10:23 --

Hebrews 11:11 --

Hebrews 11:17-19 --

I Peter 1:21 --

II. Faith is a gift of God to the non-Christian.

Acts 3:16 --

Ephesians 2:8,9 --

Hebrews 12:2 --

I Peter 1:21 --

III. Faith, as an ability to respond to God, is used in Scripture to describe the Christian.

Galatians 2:20 --

Galatians 6:10 --

Ephesians 3:12 --

Titus 1:1 --

II Peter 1:1 --

IV. Faith is related to the Bible as a blueprint for expression and an authority for content.

John 2:22 --

John 5:44,47 --

Acts 4:4 --

Romans 10:9,10 --

Romans 10:17 --

I Corinthians 2:1,5 --

I Timothy 4:1 --

I Timothy 5:8 --

I Timothy 6:10,21 --

II Timothy 3:8 --

I Peter 5:8 --

II Peter 1:1 --

V. Faith is related to works as an evidence of genuineness.

James 2:14-26 --

Hebrews 11:4-40 --

VI. Faith is related to other virtues and in particular to love.

I Corinthians 13:2 --

Galatians 5:6 --

Colossians 1:4 --

I Thessalonians 1:3 --

I Timothy 1:5,19 --

I Peter 1:22 --

VII. Faith is an absolute necessity for salvation and a successful Christian life.

John 8:24 --

Romans 3:28 --

Romans 14:23 --

Galatians 3:11 --

Hebrews 11:6 --

VIII. Faith, to be increased, must be used.

Matthew 17:14-21 --

Matthew 21:21 --

Luke 17:5-10 --

IX. Faith in action is essentially a decision -- not a feeling. It is a choice to trust God and put His Word into action.

Numbers 14:11 --

Acts 27:25 --

II Timothy 1:12 --

Hebrews 11:4-40 --

I Peter 1:8 --

X. Faith, as a decision, is not necessarily destroyed by adverse feelings or circumstances.

Romans 4:18,19 --

Hebrews 11:13 --

Hebrews 11:17-19 --

XI. Faith is the object of testing in the trials of daily life.

II Thessalonians 1:4 --

James 1:3 --

I Peter 1:7 --

XII. Faith is often used in the Bible to designate what one should believe.

Romans 1:5 --

Galatians 1:23 --

Ephesians 6:16 --

Jude 3 --

XIII. Faith is often made nearly impossible by the failure to practice the truth.

Matthew 21:32 --

Mark 4:40 --

Mark 5:36 --

Luke 24:25 --

John 5:44,47 --

Romans 14:23 --

I Timothy 1:19 --

I Timothy 3:9 --