

BIBLICAL FAITH IS ESSENTIAL

Hebrews 11:6

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Introduction: "Faith" is absolutely essential in one's relationship with God for where there is no faith, there is no true revelation. Every benefit that comes from Jesus Christ comes to the individual through the doorway of faith. Forgiveness, cleansing, regeneration (rebirth), the Holy Spirit, answered prayers, all are received by faith and faith alone. There is no other way.

- 1. Anything which carries so much riches or suffering, which determines heaven or hell is not to be neglected and needs to be correctly understood, such as FAITH.**
- 2. The modern concept of faith is not the same as that which is taught in the Bible for the definition of :faith" taught today is not what the writers of the Bible meant.**
 - There is the lack of spiritual fruit in the lives of so many who claim to have "faith."
 - Seldom is there a radical change in the conduct and outlook of those who make professions of faith in the Lord Jesus.
 - Bible teachers fail to clearly describe or define the real, biblical definition of faith.
 - Many who are curious about Christianity and the Lord Jesus Christ fail to receive anything satisfying for Biblical Faith is not explained.
 - What many today are calling "faith" and is so widely received without question is false as they understand "faith."
 - Some substitute "faith" for obedience, thus in a sense try to hide from doing anything worthwhile for the Lord Jesus.
 - Anything that makes no change in a person who professes to believe in Jesus makes no change in God either. Many say that they have changed from "no-faith" to "faith" yet there has been no change in their lives.
- 3. Faith IS NOT the believing of a statement or something which is already know to be true.**
 - If there is not evidence presented, then there is not any "faith" to be exercised is the way the human mind works.
 - Nothing can compel the human mind to believe where there is no evidence.
- 4. Faith based upon "reason" is human faith, not Biblical faith.**
 - Human faith has nothing moral or spiritual about it.
 - A common misunderstanding of Biblical faith is often seen in doctrines which declare that one can be saved by doing good works or keeping this law or that law or by being baptized.
 - Such faith takes salvation out of the realm of a person deliberately making a choice to believe and puts salvation into human works or actions.
- 5. True faith rests upon God's character and seeks no further proof for God cannot lie.**
 - It is enough that God said it, no matter how contradictory to human senses or logic it may be, the believer continues to believe.
 - *"...Let God be true, but every man a liar..." (Romans 3:4)*
 - Such faith rises above mere proofs and rests in the character of God.

6. There has always been those who seek to prove truths of the Scripture by science.

- Archeologists, astrologists, chemists, geologists, scientists, historians, and countless others have looked for evidence to support supernatural revelations, all intending to prove the Bible is true or that it is false.
- The Bible does not need to be proven true for it already is true.

7. People who feel the necessity to seek proof for the truths of the Scriptures are basically proving their own basic unbelief and lack of Biblical faith.

- To dig around, search under the seas for evidence to support the scriptures is to insult the ONE who wrote the scriptures in the first place.

8. Faith as the Bible knows and teaches is confidence in God and in His Son Jesus Christ.

- Biblical faith is the response of one's soul to the divine as revealed in the Scriptures.
- Biblical faith is brought about by the inworking of the Holy Spirit.
- Biblical faith is a gift of God to a repenting believer and has nothing to do with anything that person might think about adding.
- Biblical faith is a miracle! It is the ability God gives to trust His Son, Jesus and anything that does not result in what God wants is NOT faith but something else short of it.

9. ANY professed "faith" in Jesus Christ as personal Savior that does not bring that person's life under voluntary obedience to the Lord Jesus is NOT adequate nor Biblical Faith.

- The person who believes will obey the Lord Jesus and failure to obey is very clear proof that there is NOT true Biblical Faith present.
- Where real repentance is, there is obedience.
- *"...Even so faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone..." James 2:17-20*

CONCLUSION:

1. Not everybody who says that they have faith has Biblical Faith.
2. Biblical faith does not use "proof," or evidence to establish one's faith.
3. Biblical faith is based upon the character of God, nothing else. If God said it, then it is true.
4. Biblical faith is a gift from God given by/through the Holy Spirit.
5. Which kind of faith do YOU have? Human logic faith that demands proof, evidence? OR Biblical Faith which takes God at His Word?