

## # 92 Faith

### It never ceases to amaze me

Man in all his wisdom has to try and translate everything Jesus did or the things that God does today, into mans way and understanding or they won't believe it.

1Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God **the world by wisdom knew not God**, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

You see, mans understanding is the total opposite of faith. DO YOU THINK that Jesus would of been crucified if mans understanding knew that Jesus came as the lamb of God to pay the price for all sin.?? NO, they thought the Messiah would come and deliver them from all their enemies, like when he comes the second time. You see, there is no faith that the Lord WILL give them the understanding that is needed.

1Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for **they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

The harder man tries to understand on his own or by his natural understanding, the more confusing the Gospel becomes. The mainstream religionists figure that if you can't come up with a natural explanation, the first thing they say is: "it's not for today". Why ? Because they don't KNOW Jesus, oh they go through the motions as they belong to one

of the major denominations, this includes JEW and ALL GENTILE fellowships. Now don't take me wrong, there are fellowships that KNOW Jesus and live by faith. **BUT THEY ARE FEW.**

Matthew 7:14 **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.** You see most modern denominations say there will be billions that go in the rapture. WHAT does the bible say?

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If you walk into a garage, do you become a car, or if you walk into a lions den, do you become a lion? Do you get the point ?? Just because you go to church or a fellowship, you don't become a Christian. First of all, you must believe that Jesus is who he says he is. BUT that isn't enough. Why ?

James 2:19 **Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

You see the Devils are like a lot of denominations, they believe that Jesus is the son of God, but it's a head belief only. There is no change in their lifestyle, they still party, tell dirty jokes, use profanity etc.

2Corinthians 5:17 **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

It's not that you do the changes, but rather the Holy Spirit of God changes you. And he does it in such a way that you, don't want to do the things you used to

Hebrews 11:6 **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.**

## **How does one obtain faith?**

Romans 10:17 **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by**

the word of God.

## 5 ways you have faith and have it grow.

You receive your faith by, 1/ God himself:- John 6:44 **No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

2/ by hearing:- Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?**

3/ by reading the word of God (bible):- 2Timothy 2:15 **Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, **that I might not sin against thee.**

4/ by seeing:- Acts 8:6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, **hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

5/ by telling others:- Luke 9:6 And they departed, **and went through the towns,** preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

2Peter 3:18 **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

Hebrews 11:1 **Now faith** is the substance of things hoped

for, **the evidence of things not seen.**

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