

Faith alone receives from God, God gives us faith, so God expects faith

What is faith? God answers: Heb 11:1 **Faith is the certainty of things hoped for, the proof of things not seen** (yet, with our natural eyes).

How can we be so certain of things in the future? Because God offers to make us certain: Prov 22:21 **That I may make you** (your heart) **know the certainty of the words of truth;**

Where does it reside in us? Ro 10:10 **With the heart** (spirit) **one believes** (not the head).

My head merely agreeing with God is not faith, it will crumble at the first obstacle it sees.

What does heart faith do? It boldly speaks: 2 Co 4:13 **I believed and therefore I spoke;**

Faith, because it knows, boldly acts in ways that are consistent with what it is believing:

Jam 2:20 **Fool, don't you know....that faith without corresponding actions is dead?**

Where do I get this faith that is certain? From God. How? Receive His words, His Spirit.

Heb 12:2 **Looking to Jesus, the source and increaser of our faith;** How does He do it?

When my heart receives His words Ro 10:8 ...**The word of faith which we preach:** Jesus

When my heart receives His Spirit 2 Cor 4:13 **We have the same Spirit of faith....** Jesus

What's always the result of this faith of Jesus Christ, that cannot be denied? Only victory:

1 Jo 5:4 ...**This is the victory that overcomes the world** (Satan and our flesh) **our faith.**

Why do so many Christians oppose the necessity for faith? Is God impartial? Yes. Is God willing to impart His faith to anyone who will receive it, not in our heads but in our hearts? Yes. Is it right therefore for God to expect me to receive His faith and be certain of promises He gives me, of: His forgiveness, His Holy Spirit, His unchanging love, hearing His voice, salvation from self and sin, knowing His will, power to obey, making me like Him, loving others through me in prayer and preaching, His provision, His healing, and His protection?

Yes. How then is it in the eyes of God, if I justify, try to explain and generally sympathize with unbelief, be it my own or that of others? Did Jesus do that? If I belong to Him should I?

Matt 14:31 (Jesus) ...**Why did you doubt?** Luke 8:2 (Jesus) **Where is your faith?**

Matt 17:17 (Jesus) **O faithless...generation** Matt 6:30 (Jesus) **O you of little faith.**

Mark 9:23 (Jesus) **If you can believe, all things are possible to the one who believes.**

What is it about faith toward God, for everything, that makes it so rare among Christians?

1. Because most Christians confuse a mental acknowledgement of truth with heart faith.
2. Because for the heart to exercise faith it must be right with God, sin free, and righteous.
3. Because faith is so absolutely humbling, it means I'm going to trust God and not myself.

1 Per 5:6-7 **Humble yourselves under the mighty hand** (word) **of God...casting all your care** (worry, concerns) **upon Him, because** (you're certain) **He takes care of you.**

Isa 32:17 **The result of righteousness will be...confident trust** (toward God) **forever.** Amp