

## Doctrine of Faith

1. The word “*faith*” is found only twice in the *Old Testament* in the Authorized Version though the concept of faith is the essence of religion for only the “*just shall live by faith*”.
  - *Deuteronomy 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.*
  - *Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*
  
2. Faith is explained in Hebrews.
  - *Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*
  
3. Without faith it is impossible to live the Christian life or please God.
  - *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.*
  
4. Not all people have faith.
  - *2 Thessalonians 3:2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.*
  - *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
  
5. Some people have special faith as a spiritual gift.
  - *1 Corinthians 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*
  
6. Christians are commanded not to worry about the essentials of life for God the Father, who cares for the grass of the field will meet the needs. The teaching is to have faith in God to provide. The focus of attention is on the Father, not “*faith in faith.*”
  - *Matthew 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*
  
7. Great faith pleases the Lord provided it is genuine and comes from a sincere heart. Notice the centurion believed the Lord could heal and left it to His sovereignty whether he would heal.

- *Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. Matthew 8:10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*
8. When the storms of life blow Jesus is the Master in control. There is no need to be afraid when Jesus is present. Little faith produces great fear.
- *Matthew 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*
9. The faith that pleases Jesus is the faith that is invested in Him and leads to salvation of the soul as well as healing for the body.
- *Matthew 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*
10. It is without dispute that faith in Christ with divine permission can lead to healing of the body. The only question is how to touch Christ by faith literally or spiritually. But touch Him the heart must.
- *Matthew 9:22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.*
11. The touching of the eyes of two blind men by Christ did not affect the miracle of healing for that action was merely a symbol of His sovereignty. Part of the condition for healing was the faith of those who wanted to be healed. Another part was the willingness of the Lord to heal. While the condition of faith puts a responsibility on individuals false guilt can result if the whole matter is not carefully considered. The ultimate basis for any healing is the permission Jesus grants to believe a healing will take place provided faith is present. In this case it was. Notice also Jesus did not heal immediately for the blind men followed Him and would not let Him go until they were blessed by Him. Healing was and still is based on the mercy of the Master.
- *Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.*

12. The reason why Peter began to sink and not continue to walk on the water is the faith that started him towards Christ and the faith that sustained him for a little way on top of the water vanished. Nevertheless, even when faith is weak Christ remains strong.

- *Matthew 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*

13. Great faith in Christ is persistent to the point of arguing its case and cause. The Lord does not mind a dialogue that is reasonable and humble and while not demanding, is diligent.

- *Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*

14. Jesus referred to the “*little faith*” of His disciples on more than one occasion. The Lord was careful not to discourage or devastate their hearts by accusing them of having “*no faith*”. However, His words did convey a tone of gentle rebuke and then the Lord met the need of the moment despite little faith.

- *Matthew 16:8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?*

15. When the disciples questioned why they could not cure a demoniac, the answer was because of unbelief. The strength of sin can intimidate the soul of the saint.

- *Matthew 17:20 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.*

It should also be noted, in context, two other conditions are associated with having faith, prayer and fasting.

- *Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

Matthew 17:20 must not be taken out of its context and made into a universal principle that stands alone, which is often done. When confronting the forces of darkness, when the demons rage, when the strength of sin is made manifest, it takes great faith and prayer and fasting to resolve the situation.

16. By His cursing of a fig tree so that it withered and died, Jesus was able to teach a lesson about the importance and power of faith in the spiritual life and prayer.

- *Matthew 21:19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

The promise to the disciples and to all Christians is expansive. “*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*” Later, the teaching of James would temper this promise lest the heart use it in a self-destructive and other destructive manner.

- *James 4:2 “...ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”*

17. Faith is declared to be one of the “*weightier matters of the law*” stressing the importance of faith even in the *Old Testament* church.

- *Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

18. The miracles Christ produced were not simply psychosomatic but organic in nature. In both instances faith was required for healing.

- *Mark 10:51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.*

15. The translations of this passage is correct. Jesus did not say, “Have the faith of God” but He did say “*Have faith in God.*”

- *Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

16. It is exciting to realize the power of faith and what it can accomplish when directed towards God and submissive to His sovereign decision.

- Through faith sins are forgiven.

*Luke 5:20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.*

*Luke 7:50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.*

- Through faith physical healing can take place when there is divine permission to believe it will happen.

Blood disorders can be cured. *Luke 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.*

Crippling diseases can be cured. *Luke 17:19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. Acts 14:9 The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, 10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.*

Physical sight can be restored. *Luke 18:42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.*

General healing. *James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

- Through faith great obstacles can be removed. *Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*
- Through faith signs and wonders are performed. *Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.*
- Through faith hearts are made pure. *Acts 15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*
- Through faith souls are saved. Christ is always the object of saving faith. *Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Through faith lives are sanctified. *Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*
- Through faith the just [righteous] shall live. *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. Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

- Through faith in Christ righteousness comes. *Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: [NIV 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe]*
- Through faith in the blood of Christ, God is propitiated (satisfied). *Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*
- Through faith boasting of good works is excluded. *Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*
- Through faith a person is justified [declared righteous] in the sight of God. *Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*
- Through faith salvation comes to both Jew and Gentile. *Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.*
- Through faith we understand that the universe came into existence. *Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*
- Through faith gospel appropriate worship takes place. *Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*
- Through faith at least one soul was translated into heaven without dying. *Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*
- Through faith the family of Noah was delivered from divine discipline and certain death in the flood. *Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*
- Through faith Abraham found the geographical will of God for his life. *Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:*

- Through faith Sarah was able to bear a child in her old age. *Hebrews 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*
- Through faith Christians can die well. *Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*
- Through faith Abraham was able to surrender his beloved son Isaac to the Lord upon request. *Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,*
- Through faith Abraham believed God would raise his son from the sphere of the dead. *Hebrews 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*
- Through faith a blessing can be passed on the next generation. *Hebrews 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. Hebrews 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.*
- Through faith the future looks fantastic. *Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*
- Through faith civil authorities can be disobeyed when their laws are evil and injurious to others. *Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*
- Through faith wisdom and courage will come to do what is right in a given moment. *Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*
- Through faith the heart can be made willing to give up the world to gain eternal life. *Hebrews 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*
- Through faith the known will of God can be obeyed to the saving of life. *Hebrews 11:28 Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*
- Through faith the elements of nature can be controlled. *Hebrews 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*

- Through faith supernatural conquests can be made over military and political enemies. *Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.*
- Through faith life can be preserved as others are helped who should be protected and guarded. *Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*
- Through faith the kingdoms of this world can be conquered, righteousness can be performed, promises can be claimed and personal harm can be diverted from man or beast. *Hebrews 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*
- Through faith a soul can die with honor. *Hebrews 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*
- Through faith theological truths are confirmed. *Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.*
- Through faith peace with God comes to the soul. *Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*
- Through faith the soul is established and sustained. *Romans 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:*
- Through faith doctrinal truth is spoken. *2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*
- Through faith the Holy Spirit is received. *Galatians 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Galatians 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*
- Through faith a person becomes a spiritual descendent of Abraham. *Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. Galatians 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Galatians 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*

- Through faith Christ Jesus is received and dwells in the heart. *Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*
- Through faith in Christ a person becomes a child of God. *Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*
- Through faith the hope of righteousness and entire sanctification is kept. *Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*
- Through faith the soul is saved. *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*
- Through faith the believer has the privilege of prayer. *Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*
- Through faith the passions of temptation are quenched. *Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*
- Through faith every believer is kept by the power of God unto salvation. *1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
- Through faith victory is found over the world. *1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

17. Lack of faith has negative spiritual dynamics.

- Lack of faith will bring an open rebuke from Christ. *Luke 8:25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! For he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*
- Lack of faith is unreasonable. *Luke 12:28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

18. It is a proper prayer request to petition that faith might be increased.

- *Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.*
- *2 Thessalonians 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:*

19. While prayer is invited for faith to be increased, Christ offered prayer for faith to be increased.

- *Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

*“Lord Jesus, as you prayed for Peter, pray for me.”*

20. One of the great questions is how much faith will be present on earth when Jesus returns the second time for all who believe. *Luke 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*

21. The heart of the Christian should be full of faith at all times to such an extent that others can discern it exists.

- *Stephen. Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:*
- *Barnabas. Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.*
- *Believers at Ephesus. Ephesians 1:15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,*
- *Believers at Colossi. Colossians 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,*
- *Believers at Thessalonica. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.*
- *Believers at Philippi. Philemon 5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;*
- *Young people. 1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

22. Christians are responsible to obey the whole counsel of God and be confirmed in that which is called, the faith.

- *Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

- *Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*
  - *Acts 16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.*
  - *Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*
  - *Romans 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:*
23. There are individuals who will try to turn others away from the counsel of God and thus the whole body of truth.
- *Acts 13:8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.*
24. Despite hostility to, and rejection of the gospel, some unbelievers will listen to the gospel concerning the faith in Christ.
- *Acts 24:24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.*
25. The origin of faith is God.
- *Acts 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.*
26. Meaningful faith is attractive and impresses the world.
- *Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*
27. The same faith that resides in the soul of one Christian can reside in the heart of another.
- *Romans 1:12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*
28. Unbelief does not negate God's faithfulness.
- *Romans 3:3 For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?*

29. Faith is exalted as it is contrasted to a system of works of righteousness.

- *Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*
- *Romans 4:9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? For we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.*

30. Good works naturally flow from faith.

- *Romans 4:11 And he [Abraham] received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: Romans 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. 13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:*

31. The dwelling place of faith is in the heart.

- *Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

32. Faith is enhanced by hearing the Word of God.

- *Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

33. God measures out how much faith a person will have.

- *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.*
- *Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

34. Some people are strong in faith while others are weak.

- *Romans 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.*
- *1 Corinthians 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

35. The Christian life is to be lived believing that what is said and done is pleasing to the Lord and stands apart from censorship.
- *Romans 14:22 Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.*
36. All that a Christians says and does should flow from a life of faith.
- *Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned [judged] if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*
37. Faith is not grounded in the wisdom of man but in the spiritual power of God.
- *1 Corinthians 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*
38. As important as faith is to the Christian life it is subordinate to love.
- *1 Corinthians 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*
  - *1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*
39. The foundation of faith is the person and work of Jesus Christ and His resurrection in particular.
- *1 Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.*
  - *1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*
40. Faith is to be protected.
- *1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.*
41. There is no spiritual hierarchy where by someone can give, add to or take away the faith of another person.
- *2 Corinthians 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.*
42. The whole of the Christian life is a journey by faith.
- *2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight :)*

43. The believer is to seek to abound in faith.

- *2 Corinthians 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.*
- *2 Corinthians 10:15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,*

44. Personal responsibility is laid upon the individuals to determine if saving and sanctifying faith can be found in the soul.

- *2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

45. When a person is converted to Christ the faith that was once opposed and hated is eagerly embraced and proclaimed.

- *Galatians 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.*

46. Daily Christian living is rooted in a life of faith. There is faith that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God. There is faith that heaven is real and so is hell. There is faith that the promises of the Scripture are true. There is faith that the warnings of the Bible are to be heeded and the gospel commandments deserve to be honored.

- *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

47. While faith is personal and a gift of God it is also declared to be a fruit of the indwelling ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

48. Christians are to look to do good to all people but especially to other professing Christians.

- *Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

49. There is an essential unity which unites all believers by faith.

- *Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*

50. There are spiritual by products of faith.

- Love. *Ephesians 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Joy. *Philippians 1:25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;*
- A Holy Life. *Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*
- Christian service. *Philippians 2:17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.*
- Personal righteousness. *Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*
- Resurrection hope. *Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*
- Spiritual armor. *1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*
- Patience. *James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
- Good works. *James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

51. For final salvation it is essential that believers continue in the sphere of faith.

- *Colossians 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*
- *Colossians 2:5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.*
- *Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

52. It is possible to counterfeit a life of faith.

- *Mark 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.*

53. It is possible to destroy faith.

- *1 Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:*
- *1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*
- *1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*
- *1 Timothy 5:12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.*
- *2 Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*

54. It is possible to err from the faith.

- *1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*
- *1 Timothy 6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.*
- *2 Timothy 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.*

55. Faith is a great mystery.

- *1 Timothy 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.*

56. Christians are to exhort each other to good works and faithfulness.

- *1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*
- *1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

- *2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*
- *2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*
- *Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised ;)*
- *2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*
- *Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

57. Christians are to model faith for others.

- *2 Timothy 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,*
- *2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
- *2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*
- *Titus 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.*
- *Titus 3:15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.*

58. Christians are to correct one another out of love and concern.

- *Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;*
- *Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.*

60. Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of a life of faith in any believer.

- *Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

61. The privilege of prayer must incorporate faith. The sincerity of faith in prayer will be reflected in genuine surprise if a prayer request is not honored.

- *James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

62. Faith is not reserved for the rich or famous but can be manifested in the most humble of believers.

- *James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*

63. Faith will be tried in time with a view towards eternity.

- *1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*
- *1 Peter 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*

64. Remembering the trials and tribulations of others will help believers to be faithful in the hour of testing.

- *1 Peter 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

65. God knows those who remain faithful to Him.

- *Revelation 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.*
- *Revelation 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.*
- *Revelation 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*
- *Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*