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PART 2

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FAITH TOWARD GOD

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of **FAITH TOWARD GOD**... (Hebrew 6:1)*

We have taken step one toward perfection, having repented from dead works (sin). Next comes step two, faith toward God, and this has to do with our being saved. God has ordained the steps that must be taken regarding our salvation. Ephesians 2:8 says that *...by grace are ye saved through faith...* We come to God through faith. So, where does the faith come from? Look at Romans 10:17, which says, ***So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*** Romans 10:8-18 give us the complete process; however, we will only note here verses 8 through 10, ***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;*⁹*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* ¹⁰*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Children, let us look more deeply into this principle of the doctrine of Christ called **FAITH TOWARD GOD**. All of our spiritual life depends on our ability to have faith in God. As we begin this study, let us consider how very important it is for us to gain a good understanding of what **FAITH** really is and what it means to have **FAITH TOWARD GOD**. Therefore, we must go to the Bible for our understanding and not leave it up to Webster's dictionary.

Faith from the Biblical perspective is to

have inspired knowledge in the reality of the EXISTENCE OF GOD. Faith toward God is to have an absolute and total confidence that the WORD OF GOD, which has been given to us, is true and must surely come to pass. In other words, we must be fully persuaded that all that the Lord God has said to us, He is more than able to perform - and will perform it.

In Hebrews chapter 11, commonly called the faith chapter, we are given accounts of many saints that exercised their faith toward God and the marvelous victories that were won. Take a look at the last two verses, 39 and 40, which say, ***And these all, having obtained a good report through FAITH, received not the promise:***

⁴⁰God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. What these scriptures are telling us is that God has saved the best for last and that He is giving us, the people of

the “end times” the opportunity to have faith toward God regarding our PERFECTION. Jesus says in Mark 9:23, ***Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*** It is that there are times when we need to have our “unbelief” healed.

Back to Hebrews 11 and look at verse 1, ***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*** Right away we are given a critical understanding about FAITH, which is this: faith is substance - not only mere substance, but **THE SUBSTANCE** of things hoped for. Faith is the only **currency exchange that operates and**

opens the windows of heaven. Faith is also evidence - not only mere evidence, but **THE EVIDENCE** of things not seen. **In other words, once we truly believe God (have faith toward God), He deposits (confirms) in the depth of our being the immutability of His Word** (Hebrews 6:15-19).

Faith is not blind as some have taught, ***for we walk by faith, not by sight*** according to II Corinthians 5:7. However, we must be willing to launch out into the deep at the command of the Lord. After God has given us His Word, we must have patience and hope as we wait for the reality of that word to be fulfilled in us.

We must be like our father Abraham as stated in Romans chapter 4:9-25,

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara’s womb:²⁰He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief;

but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;²¹And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.²²And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.²³Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;²⁴But for US also, to whom it shall be imputed, IF we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;²⁵Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Back to Hebrews 11:6. It is another key verse in that chapter. ***But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and***

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that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Children, we must be totally convinced of the reality that GOD IS. **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to day, and for ever** (Hebrews 13:8). God does not change, He is forever the same and all of His ways are holy and righteous altogether. God made man after his own image and He desires for man to be like Him. However, this likeness is only attained as we exercise faith toward God and seek to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. We must believe that God is and we must diligently seek Him. Seek Him early, seek Him often, and seek Him while He may be found. Seek to know Him, seek to know His ways, and seek to understand His Word. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and He will add the rest of what you need. Seek to do His will and you shall understand the purpose of your life. Do this diligently and God will reward you.

Romans 12:3 tells us that every man has been dealt a measure of faith. When God deposits something in us, He expects there to

be an increase. Our faith is no exception. It should be growing from little to great and from weak to strong. When properly exercised, it will surely grow bigger and stronger. Every person has a measure of faith, but how is that measure used? In other words, where are we putting our faith? Is it FAITH TOWARD GOD or is it in horses and chariots, or is it A.W.O.L.?

Children, the Bible is very plain when it says that **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the WORD OF GOD** (Romans 10:17). There must be an anointing upon the ear and the heart in order that the Word might find good ground and bring forth fruit unto God. The fruit of faith must come forth within us at this time, for without it we cannot please God.

Now, faith is the substance! Now is the time to believe God as never before! Now is the time to fully trust in Christ! Now is the time to have FAITH TOWARD GOD! **And NOW abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love** (I Corinthians 13:13) - and **faith worketh by love** (Galatians 5:6). May God bless you all in Jesus' name, amen.

If you have finished studying the lesson, answer the following questions (where possible, give scripture references):

- 1. What does our spiritual life depend on? What do we walk by?**
- 2. What does it mean to have faith toward God?**
- 3. What is chapter 11 of Hebrews called?**
- 4. How is faith described in Hebrews 11:1?**
- 5. What does faith come by?**
- 6. What does faith work by?**