

Faith Perfected**Bible Study**

When I come to you, my sisters, I come without excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God because I am determined to not know anything among you other than Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I am with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling that I get it right. My speech and my teaching are not with persuasive words of human wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power so that your faith should not be in the wisdom of man but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

According to this verse what should our faith be in?

According to the writer of Hebrews, how is our faith perfected? Hebrews 1:39-40

Our faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified is all the authority God needs to unleash His power in and around us but to attain that faith we must be **of one mind** to believe that Jesus is, that He is alive, and He is looking for the faith filled person.

Jesus Is our Past, our Present and our Future!

The story of Jesus' birth to his resurrection is fascinating and multifaceted and tells us that He is our past and our present and our future on Earth and in Heaven. Let us not be the brethren who get fooled by its twists and turns in time and space. What is faith unless we believe the enormous and miraculous ways that God shows Himself to everyone; the Christian faith beginnings with such a story. Let us go through that story from the Beginning to the End.

In the beginning John 1:1, Genesis 1:26, Luke 1:26-38, John 1:14, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:40, Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 10:38, John 21:25, Mark 14:46, Luke 23:23, Luke 23:46, **Acts 2:32**, Acts 1:3, Acts 1:9, Acts 1:11, Revelation 22:12-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 4:18.

What makes the beginning of our faith complete? Let us list the important information.

How many verses did we use to put together this story? How many are in between adding to this story? What do we learn (about our faith) from all of these verses about stories in the Bible?

Is our faith complete in knowing that Jesus is coming back? Why?

Jesus is Alive in Us!

What verse in our story tells us that Jesus is alive? When Jesus was raised from the dead He was raised with a power that also lives in us. His life on the Earth is transferred into us through His death and that is why we put our faith in Him who is in us!

We are alive for Who? Romans 6:1-14
What does being baptized into His death mean for us?

If we are dead what is newness of life? Verse 5, Romans 8:11

When we say Jesus is alive, what are we really saying? What stops us from seeing that He is alive?

Will He Find Faith on This Earth?

The OT is synonymous with obedience while the NT is synonymous with faith. We know that obedience to the law leads to mercy from God. What does faith lead us too? Let us see!
What does Hebrews 11:6 say about Faith? Where does faith lead us?

Jesus has explained faith to His disciples and us many times but nothing like this. Luke 18:1-8

Verse 1 defines faith. What does Jesus say it is?

Then what does He say in v8? Why does He say this?

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What is the world's definition of faith? The world talks and folks believe without real hard evidence but we have the Holy Bible as our evidence and it is filled with God's Word along with historical evidence that it is the truth! Therefore our faith is not just about believing it is about engaging and growing. Believing is a one-time action but faith is a lifelong purpose. How does our faith progress?

We are looking for evidence to maintain and grow our faith. The more this happens the more we are able to define faith as Hebrews 11:1 defines it.

Definition of faith:

Conclusion

(John 8:24) Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that He is, you will die in your sins. We are not to die in our sins, we are to believe who Jesus is. If not for that then our faith is for nothing. (Romans 1:16-17) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith. We are the just!"

I did not come to you with greatness of speech but humbly to teach you the goodness of God through His Word to help all of us work on perfecting our faith through Him and through each other. I will preach nothing but Jesus and Him Crucified for all of my days because Him crucified is me alive. Him crucified is you alive! So let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:12) and be to our brethren who they need us to be to perfect their faith.

Action Plan for Us!

Jesus is hampered by lack of faith. Let that not be so for us! We must not allow anyone to hamper our faith and we must not be a hindrance to anyone else's faith.

Until we meet again journal about the growth of your faith and what you have seen done through faith. Also journal about what has been hampered through lack of faith. If you don't know where to start use the fruits of the Spirit as your starting point (Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, gentleness, **self-control**. Against such there is no law.).

Watch what you have faith in and determine what you do not? Are you relying on God for all your needs or are you determining to do it yourself?

Tip toe through that beautiful garden of faith with me until we meet again.