

LESSON 9 UNDERSTANDING FAITH

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

1. What is faith? (Hebrews 11:1).

a. Define "substance" and "evidence".

(1) Faith produces results (substance and evidence).

(a) Example: the born-again experience (2 Corinthians 5:17).

b. Faith is a lifestyle. (Romans 1:17 and 2 Corinthians. 5:7)

2. The measure of faith is given to everyone (Romans 12 :3).

a. But, that measure (or seed) of faith can be increased (Luke 17:5-6)

(1) Clearing up a misconception (Mark 4:30-32).

3. How do we increase the measure (or seed) of faith God has given us?

a. Do not seek after miraculous experiences to increase your faith (Revelation 1 :17).

b. Trials and tribulations do not increase our faith (Matthew 7 :24-27).

c. Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17).

d. And doing it (Matthew 7 :24-25).

4. Why should we increase our faith?

a. To please God (Hebrews 11:6).

b. "...whatever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).

5. Examples of those who received by faith.

a. Peter acted on the word of God (Matt 14:29)

b. The centurion acted on the word of God (Matthew 8:5-13)

c. The story of the fig tree (Mark 11:12-24)

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WORKSHEET

1. What does God's word say we are justified by? (Romans 5:1)
2. What does God's word say we shall live by? (Romans 1:17 and Hebrews 10:38)
3. What is in our mouth, and in our heart? (Romans 10:8)
4. On what basis does our faith stand? (1 Corinthians 2:5)
5. How does faith relate to our salvation? (Ephesians 2:8)
6. Faith should be without (James 1:6)
7. What did Jesus promise to those of faith? (John 6:35)
8. Do we have to see before we believe? (John 20:29)
9. What kept the children of Israel out of the promised land? (Hebrews 3:18-19).
10. Name three persons cited as examples of faith in Hebrews 11, and tell what they did that shows their faith.

PERSONAL REFLECTION: In your own words, tell about a time when your faith was tested and how God helped you to overcome.