

Understanding Faith (Acts 20:21)

Our last lesson dealt with the repentance toward God. This was preparatory to this next lesson on faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. We experience salvation through our faith in Jesus Christ. Faith is also important after we are saved. As believers, we continue living by faith to please God.

I. What is Faith?

- A. Faith is a _____ or moral conviction (Heb. 11:1; II Cor. 5:7).
- B. Faith must be fixed upon a reliable _____ to become profitable (Heb 4:2).
 1. Faith gives you _____ to the blessings promised in the Scriptures (Acts 3:16; Rom. 5:2).
 2. There is no _____ God without faith (Heb. 11:6).
 3. Our faith can be _____ (II Cor 8:7; 10:15).
 4. Our faith is increased by _____ the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
 5. Faith is _____ from the _____ (Rom. 4:4; 10:8–11; Eph 1:12–14).

C. Faith is a body of _____ or truth.

1. The faith is from _____ (Rom. 3:3, 22; Gal. 2:16; 3:22; Eph 4:13; Phil 3:9; James 2:1; Rev 14:12).
2. We are to _____ for the faith (Jude 1:3).
3. We are to _____ the devil in the faith (I Peter 5:8–9).
4. We become _____ in the faith (Titus 1:13).
5. _____ the faith brings rewards (II Tim. 4:7).
6. We can stand fast in the faith (I Cor. 16:13).
7. We are to be grounded and _____ in the faith (Col. 1:23).
8. We can _____ from the faith (I Tim. 6:10).
9. In the latter times some will _____ from the faith (I Tim 4:1).
10. The believer's goal is _____ in the faith (Eph 4:13).

II. Faith for Salvation

- A. Faith is required to receive God's _____ (Rom. 4:16; 5:2; Eph 2:8).

B. Faith is the channel to salvation (Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:8).

1. We are not saved by our good _____ (Rom. 4:4).
2. Salvation is a free _____ by faith (Rom. 3:14; 6:23).
3. Faith must be placed in _____ (Gal. 3:26; II Tim. 3:15).

C. Faith is required to obtain righteousness (Rom. 4:5).

1. True righteousness must be _____ by faith (Rom. 3:22; 4:21–24).
 - “Impute” comes from the same word that is translated, “be counted”.
2. _____ is imputed if we fail to believe in Jesus before we die (Rom. 4:8; 6:23).
3. The act of imputing Christ’s righteousness is called justification (Rom. 3:19–31).
 - a. We are not justified by the _____ (Gal. 3:11).
 - b. We are justified by _____ (Titus 3:7).
 - c. We are justified by _____ (Rom. 5:1).

d. We are justified by Christ's _____
(Rom. 5:9).

III. Faith for Christian Living

- Being justified changes the way we _____ (I Cor. 6:9–11; James 2:21–25).
- A. The justified live in expectation of the Bible's promises (Hab. 2:4).
- B. The justified reveal Christ's righteousness by obedience to the Scripture (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 2:20).
- C. The justified receive their righteousness by faith not law (Gal. 3:11).
- D. Living apart from faith brings no pleasure to the Lord (Heb. 10:38).