



Developing Faith to Receive What Grace has Offered Pt 4

Re-thinking faith Pt 2

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Habakkuk 2:4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

The Greek word Hope is Elpizo, meaning **to hope, expect, or trust**. Having a strong sense of confident, joyful anticipation for something good, especially salvation or God's promises. It's more than merely wishing; **it's actively looking forward with certainty**, rooted in trust in God's character and past faithfulness, implying a settled outcome rather than uncertainty.

This particular form of hope emerges from the understanding that God's word is truth. It is strengthened through fellowship with God, which reinforces our belief in His faithfulness to His promises.

Grace offers us these Promises and Riches, and we receive all these by applying our faith. **Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

The three major factors one must consider about faith.

1. *What faith is.*
2. *How to get it.- Faith comes by hearing and adhering to the word of God.*
3. *How to get faith to work for you.*

Re-Thinking What Faith is.

Like Grace, Faith is a Spiritual Tangible Gift, that enables us to receive all that grace offers, **Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through Faith ...it is the gift of God.**

Faith is a Spirit- **2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,**

At a deeper level, faith is confidence in God's faithfulness to His word. **Jeremiah 1:12 (AMP) Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.**

And faith enables us to be faithful to God. *This is the core meaning of Faith*

Note: Faith works best when we are faithful!

When Jesus returns in the Rapture to rescue His Elect before the tribulation and the wrath of God, faith will be the benchmark He looks for. **Luke 18:8...when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"**



When Jesus made this statement, He was addressing whether He would find anyone living by Faith.

Genuine, persistent faith may be rare when He returns; even now, many Christians often give up or become distracted by worldly things that jeopardize their faithfulness to God.

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The overall quality of a person's life is determined by the kind of faith they are willing to develop and live by.

Seven types of Faith the Bible speaks of!

Faith that Gets minimal results- **Dead Faith**: (James 2:17, 26). **Little Faith**: (Matthew 14:28-31, Luke 12:28). **Weak Faith**: (Romans 14:1).

Faith that Gets maximum results- **Great Faith**: (Matthew 8:10). **Strong Faith**: (Romans 4:20-21). **Dynamic Faith**: (James 2:10-26). **Saving Faith**: (Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16). *Every person that God is calling has saving faith.*

Note that a person can have faith for maximum results in one area while having faith that gets little to no results in another.

The New Testament tells us to walk by faith: **2 Corinthians 5:7: "For we walk by faith, not by sight."**

This verse suggests faith is action, not just talk. Someone who is living by faith is talking the talk, confessing the promises of God.

They are also walking the walk, doing their best to live by the kingdom's principles.

Let us examine the meaning of faith as Jesus and His disciples understood it, as reflected in Old Testament references.

In **Habakkuk 2:4**, the Hebrew term for faith is "**Emunah**." Similarly, in **Hebrews 10:38**, the Greek word "**Pistis**" conveys a similar concept. Both terms encompass deeper meanings that extend beyond mere belief in the occurrence or receipt of something.

They imply characteristics such as faithfulness, steadfast trust, security, and loyalty, emphasizing active, reliable reliance on God rather than a passive expectation of outcomes.

It is commonly believed that the evidence of faith is reflected in visible outcomes.

However, the true indicator of faith lies in the internal transformation that takes place within an individual.

As the Inner transformation takes place, faith is produced, and visible changes in our external circumstances become tangible realities.

Jesus, when He comes back, will be looking for **faith** that leads to **faithfulness**.



“Emunah and Pistis” both rest on God's faithfulness. *The goal is to continue placing more and more of one's life in God's hands and trusting Him to bring fulfillment, regardless of external circumstances or personal internal challenges.*

True faithfulness operates through God's power rather than through one's own strength to please Him.

Faith is vision. Real Faith sees the unseen substance of the eternal realm in the revelation of God's word, knowing that God is faithful to bring it to pass.

Real Faith embodies trust, providing daily confidence that God will bring our hope to pass (*no mental swaying back and forth*)

Real Faith fosters expectations of greater faith in future Manifestations. *As we get results from the faith we're applying today, it should produce in us a greater level of faith to believe God for tomorrow.*

There is no genuine faith without faith in God's faithfulness and the application of faith to be faithful to His word.



- ❖ Love is the ground that it all originates from.
- ❖ Faith is the root; the bible says that Faith works by Love.
- ❖ Our corresponding actions and speech are the trunk and branches.
- ❖ Our hope is the blossoms or fruit that we are believing God for.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The Greek word for love in this verse is agape, which means unconditional love. Now, if our faith is grounded in unconditional love, why do we impose restrictions and conditions on what we can have faith for, given that the Bible says we are entitled to it?

We must not let the enemy blind us to the fact that grace offers us these promises and blessings. And that we have the right to them as we ask and apply our faith for them.

Note: If I have faith that is rooted in love, then real faith can't be used for greed or ill-gotten gains.



Faith is more than just believing in spite of evidence, but is obeying in spite of unfavorable consequences, even in hostile situations.

This world hasn't always provided an environment conducive to the fulfillment of our beliefs regarding what we are asking God for. However, if we remain faithful to God and trust in His faithfulness, the manifestation of our hopes will occur regardless of the surrounding conditions.

Say this: It makes no difference what environment I'm in, I'm going to see the manifestation of my hope anyway!

Real Faith will thank and praise God for His promises even when they are yet to become a reality because you are resting in God's faithfulness.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

Drawing back from walking by faith is starting to walk and live by common sense, natural human reasoning, and the ways of this world only.

Those who draw back cease to have faith in His faithfulness and in the grace of God that is given to us to see us through, no matter what.

God says that this doesn't please Him! One of the main reasons it doesn't please God is that it hinders Him from blessing you!

In **Hebrews 11:1**, it states that **"faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen"**. Verse six states that **"6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."**

Given what real faith looks like now, this verse could be read as follows. ***Faith gives me the substance to be faithful unto God, and to have faith in God's faithfulness, so the things that we hope for become a reality to me even though I don't see them. And I know without this type of faith I can't be pleasing unto God, and if I'm not pleasing to God, I can't count on the reward of the manifestation I'm hoping for.***

When these two truths are combined, it means that God desires us to use our faith to bring our hopes into reality, and when we do, it pleases Him.