



## **Developing Faith to Receive what Grace has Offered – Pt. 2**

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**Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. ...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.**

**Luke 18:8...when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"**

**Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him.**

**2 Timothy 3:5-6 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!**

*Do those who call themselves Christians truly believe in the power of the spoken word for salvation and eternal life, receiving conviction from it alone? Or do they require a comfortable, sensory experience to feel compelled to confess, driven by emotions rather than heartfelt conviction?*

**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. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."**

*Developing faith for the end-times.*

*Let's review, **What is Grace?***

Grace is God's unmerited favor and empowerment.

Grace affords us all the promises and riches of God that we don't deserve. *Because of the finished works of Jesus Christ, all God's promises, the Father says we already have a right to (Yes). So all we have to do is affirm and agree with what the Father says we have a right to (Amen).*

Grace is God's unmerited favor. Through God's grace, we experience divine favor not only with God but also with others as well.

*God's support and supply help us navigate every situation to get the best out of it.*

As we align with what grace offers, we are positioned to achieve the best outcomes in any situation. *The favor of God is actively at work in our lives, providing us with supernatural resources in any circumstances*

Grace empowers us to face and overcome any adversaries and adversities, *helping us stay steadfast and complete our journey.*



Regardless of the magnitude of our challenges, as we receive the riches of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, they are surpassed.

Before we can use our faith to receive these blessings, we must first believe in the availability of those blessings and have confidence that God desires them for us and that they are ours.

3 essentials are right here: believe in the availability of the blessing, have confidence that God wants us to have him, and have confidence that they are ours.

*God wants us blessed. Matthew 7:9-12 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

**Habakkuk 2:3: "For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry".**

*Because of the parents' promise, the child envisioned themselves receiving and eating the snack.*

We have the right to envision the promises God has made in His word, greatly anticipating receiving them.

**Psalms 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.**

The upright walk of the New Testament believer is the walk of faith.

**2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)**

*Note: Faith works best when we are faithful!*

**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. *God says that this doesn't please Him!*

*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.*

**Grace provides what we hope for so we can use our faith.**

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 **"without faith, it is impossible to please God"**.

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.



**Psalms 35:27** says God takes pleasure in the prosperity of his people! **Psalms 35:27** Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

The Hebrew word for prosperity here is the word "Shalom", which means nothing missing, nothing broken, everything's complete!

*When we allow the teachings of the word of God to shape our hopes and expectations, we can actively use our faith to turn those hopes into reality.*

### **The three major factors one must consider about faith.**

#### **1. *What faith is.***

**Hebrews 11:1-3** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is a Spiritual Tangible that enables us to receive everything grace offers, whether spiritual nourishment or physical resources. Faith is what we need to receive all that the word says we have a right to.

Faith is a spiritual gift that God offers to all humanity, enabling them to accept Him as Lord and Savior and begin their wonderful journey as His children.

**Romans 12:3...as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**

Faith enables us to trust God at His word.

Faith enables us to believe what God says is true.

The essence of faith cannot be seen by the natural eye, but the effects of faith can be observed and expressed through words and the actions of an individual.

### ***Faith observed through actions***

**Luke 8:43-48** Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."