

F A I T H



## THE FAITH OF GOD

There are many Christians who are praying to God to give them faith to be able to pursue their dreams, live for God and do the work of the ministry and many other things expected of a Christian. Someone says if i have faith like the Pastor, i will do many things. The good news is that we already have faith. Faith is a gift from God. Rom 10 has something to say about how faith comes by:

***Rom 10:17 KJV So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

The word of God contains faith and when the word is being preach to you, if your heart is open to receive the word, then the Holy Spirit quickened the word into your heart and with that faith you receive the salvation. Now that faith does not leaves you rather it becomes the part of the fruit of the Spirit in you. Gal 5: 22-23.

***Eph 2:8 KJV For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:***

This is place is saying that the faith is of you. It is the faith of God. The same is applied o the salvation which is the end product of faith in the text.

There is human type of faith which is based on our five senses. The sense of sight, smell, taste, touch and feeling. These are the means by which our body relates to this physical world. With human faith we function in this world. It will be difficult for you to sit on a three legged chair when you know fully well that it will not be able to sustain you. But you will sit comfortably if the legs are complete. You have faith that if you sit on it, you will be okay. This is because your eyes can see it and you believes and trust your eye's judgement.

If you search the Bible this is the type of faith Thomas has. When the other disciples told him that they had seen Jesus, Thomas said something that is common to many believers today.

***Joh 20:25 KJV The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have***

***seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.***

Many Christians are just like that, they are of five senses, they are sensual and carnal. And the Bible says the Carnal mind cannot please God only faith mind or spiritual mind can please God.

***Rom 8:6-7 KJV 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.***

However, the type of faith we are discussing here is not human type of faith. You cannot use human faith to believe. You have not seen God before, you can't feel him and so you can't perceive Him with your senses. We have all been trained to use our five senses to make judgement and decision but when it comes to spiritual matters, our five senses has no role to play.

The Lord told the disciples to have faith in God.

***Mar 11:22 KJV And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.***

The Greek rendering of this verse actually says "have God kind of faith". That is the type of faith that God has. The faith of the Lord Jesus. It was appropriate for our Lord to admonish the disciples to have God kind of faith because they didn't have it then. But when we becomes born again, we receive that God kind of faith.

***Rom 12:3 KJV For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.***

Every man has received what the Bible say "the measure of faith" in order words, God dealt with every believer the same measure of faith. There was no partiality, no one received more than another person. This is the original initial born again faith. To collaborate this , Peter said something wonderful about the faith.

***2Pe 1:1 KJV Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:***

Peter while writing to the people in diaspora in his catholic epistle says they had obtained like precious faith" The word "obtained" there means they didn't won it, labour for it or merits it. it was given to them by lot. It was allotted to them. The ground of allotment is also stated, he said it was through the righteousness of the God and Jesus our Saviour. God's way of making people righteous was the means of imparting this faith unto us. The word "like precious" means equal in value, honour and prestige. We are have been given this kind of faith.

This will make us to think further, that it is this kind of faith that Peter used in raising Dorcas from the dead, it was the same faith he used when his shadow was healing people on the street of Jerusalem. We have received that same faith. We have no excuses.

We are not expected to use our own faith from the time we believes, but the opposite is the case for many Christians. They are still trying to figure out how they are going to survive, do the work of the ministry and live an overcomer's life.

Paul knew better. Read what he says in this place:

***Gal 2:20 KJV I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.***

Paul says the life he lives in the flesh now, he lives by the faith of the Son of God. Mark the phrase, he didn't say he live it in the faith of the Son of God. But by the faith of Son of God. He was using superhuman faith. Christ lives in him and so he allow Christ to live His live through him. Many Christians misses that, they are trying to please God and live for God but rather we should step out of the way and allow Jesus to live His life out of us.

**Characteristics of God kind of faith**

**God kind of faith speaks:**

***2Co 4:13 KJV We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;***

This is a reference from Psalm 116: 10 and Paul was saying that he has confidence in the word of God and abilities of God to turn things around and so they give expression to their faith.

### **God kind of faith call things out**

God kind of faith speaks but also goes beyond that by calling things out. This is what Paul says about God in Rom 4: 17

***Rom 4:17 KJV (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.***

God was already calling Abraham the father of many nations long time before Isaac was conceived. What He saw, He gave expression to it and it eventually came to pass.

### **God kind of faith is overcomer's type.**

God kind of faith overcomes challenges because the confidence is in the power of God.

***1Jn 5:4 KJV For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***

We are not trying to overcome or believe God to help us to overcome but we have overcome. Jesus overcame the evil one on our behalf, He doesn't need the victory but because of us He became man and through death he defeated him that has the power of death even the devil. His victory has become our victory.

### **What is expected of us?**

We should start walking in the realization of this God kind of faith. We don't walk by our five senses any longer but by faith in the Lord and what He has done for us. We walk based on the realization of who we are in

Christ Jesus 2Co 5:7.