

## FAITH

I. What is it? (Hebrews 11:1)

II. Natural faith: This is in the mind.

A. Familiar

1. Chair at home
2. Old baseball

B. Non-familiar

1. Chair at hotel
2. New baseball

III. Spiritual faith:

A. Where does it reside? (Romans 10:10) “In the heart (spirit) man believes”

B. Where does it come from?

1. Unsaved
2. Saved

a. Born again (John 3:3)

b. How are we born again?

(Eph. 2:8) “By grace, through faith, as a gift from God”

c. Accessing grace

(James 4:6) “God gives His grace to the humble”

d. How are we to be humble?

By going “out of our minds”

e. How do we go “out of our minds”?

By coming to the end of our minds (Pascal’s Wager)

f. What is grace?

g. It is all by grace

h. How is faith imparted?

(Romans 10:17) “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

C. God’s faith

1. Does God have faith? Yes
2. How much faith does God have? Infinite
3. What is God’s faith in? All aspects of Himself

D. My faith

1. Where it begins  
(Heb. 11:6) “God is, and is a rewarder of those who seek Him”
2. God is our reward  
(Gen. 15:1 KJV) “I shall be thy great reward”
3. Jesus is our reward
4. My faith in Jesus
5. My faith in all of Jesus
6. Negating the process
  - a. Not seeking (Matt. 7:7) “Seek and ye shall find”
  - b. Not engaging (II Cor. 10:5) “Capture every thought”

E. Knowing my faith

1. Untested

a. May be real

b. May be deception

(Matt. 26:35,75) Peter's denial

2. Tested

a. Drawing from prior tests

(I Sam. 17:37) David and Goliath

b. Passing the test (David)

c. Failing the test (Peter)

1. Self-condemnation

2. Repentance

(Romans 5:20 KJV) "Grace more abounds"

(Romans 8:28) "All things work together for good"

F. Faith that overcomes

1. What is "overcoming"? Being faithful unto death

(Rev. 2:26), (Rev.2:10), (Rev. 12:11)

2. Faith in God

3. Fear is faith

4. Who to fear

(Matt. 10:28) "Fear He who can destroy both body & soul in hell"

5. Losing all other fears

(Heb. 2:14-15), (I John 1:4), (Col. 1:27), (I John 4:4), (John 16:33)

6. Christ in us

G. Either/or

(Romans 14:23) "What is not of faith is sin"

(Luke 11:23) "He who is not for Me is against Me"

H. Unbelief

1. To a Christian

2. All humans have faith

I. The faith of Christ

1. (Romans 13:14) "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ"

2. (Romans 12:3) "He has given each a measure of faith"

3. By faith in Christ we have the faith of Christ

KJV (Gal. 2:16), (Gal. 2:20), (Gal. 3:22), (Phil. 3:9)

4. (Acts 17:28) "In Him, we live and move and have our being"