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# LOVE

**1 John 4:8**

**He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love**

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**Romans 8:35-39**

**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**One Definition of **love**:**  
**It's the essence of God**  
**God being the Father, the Son, and the Spirit**  
**they all have the same essence**  
**which is infinite**  
**it manifests itself in**  
**infinite goodness**  
**infinite grace**  
**infinite mercy**  
**infinite kindness**  
**towards man**

**Would you say that would be an**  
**acceptable definition of **love**?**

## **The Answer is NO!**

**John 3:18**

**He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

**19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men **loved** darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil**

**So depending upon the **context** of the passage of scripture we're reading, we have to determine what that word means.**

# ***FAITH***

**When we talk about trust, rest, dependence, whose trust, whose rest, whose dependence are we talking about? .. Ours!**

**Most of the time, when we talk about faith, we usually think of faith in terms of **our** faith, **us**, the focus is on personal faith.**

## One Example of personal faith:

# **FAITH**

### **Matthew 8:5-10**

**And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.**

**8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, **I am not worthy** that Thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great **faith**, no, not in Israel.**

# **FAITH**

## **Hebrews 11:1-7**

Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through **faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By **faith** Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By **faith** Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

7 By **faith** Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by **faith**.

## Hebrews 11:8-19

By **faith** Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By **faith** he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through **faith** also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in **faith**, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city. 17 By **faith** Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

## Hebrews 11:20-29

By **faith** Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By **faith** Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. 22 By **faith** Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23 By **faith** Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By **faith** Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. 27 By **faith** he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 Through **faith** he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By **faith** they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

## Hebrews 11:30-37

By **faith** the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

31 By **faith** the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through **faith** subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

## Hebrews 11:38

(**Of whom the world was not worthy:**) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

**God's commentary**  
**of whom the world was not worthy.**

## **4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH**

- 1. FAITH - ITS ESSENCE**
- 2. FAITH - THE FAITH**
- 3. FAITH - PERSONAL**
- 4. FAITH - AS A PRINCIPLE**

### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. WHAT IS NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?**
- 2. IS FAITH A GIFT?**
- 3. IS FAITH A WORK?**
- 4. ARE FAITH AND BELIEF THE SAME?**
- 5. ARE THERE DEGREES OF FAITH?**
- 6. DOES OUR FAITH GROW OR INCREASE?**
- 7. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH & KNOWLEDGE?**
- 8. DOES GOD TEST OUR FAITH?**
- 9. DOES FAITH DETERMINE OUR WALK?**
- 10. WHAT ENERGIZES OUR FAITH?**

# ***FAITH***

## ***Intimacy with the Lord***

Some of your definitions of **faith** were:  
**trust, dependence, rest, reliance on,**  
**proof, a gift..**

We noted that we tend to think of **faith**  
**as ours**

Matthew 8 - Roman Centurion –  
**personal faith**

Hebrews 11 - God's "Hall of Fame" -  
**personal faith**

**Faith** must have an object

Many words must have an object

I **love** (verb), I have **love** (noun) . .

I have **faith** (noun), I **believe** (verb) . .

What was the object of the **faith**  
of the "hall of famers"?

So far, we've focused on examples  
of **personal faith**

**Eph 4:11**

**And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

**12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

**13 Till we all come in the unity of the **faith**, and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, unto a **perfect** man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

**Rom 3:21**

**But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**

**22 Even the righteousness of God which is by **faith** of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that **believe**: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

**25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through **faith** in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which **believeth** in Jesus.**

**27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by **the law** of **faith**.**

**Personal faith**  
**The faith**  
**Faith as a principle**

Heb 11:1

Now **faith** is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen.

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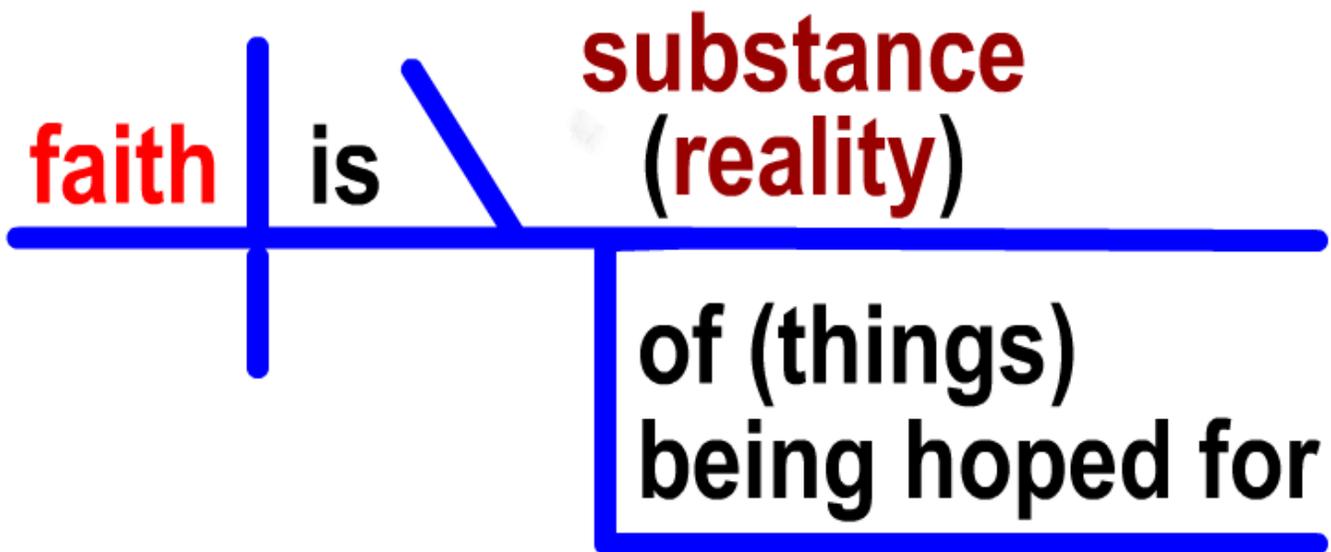
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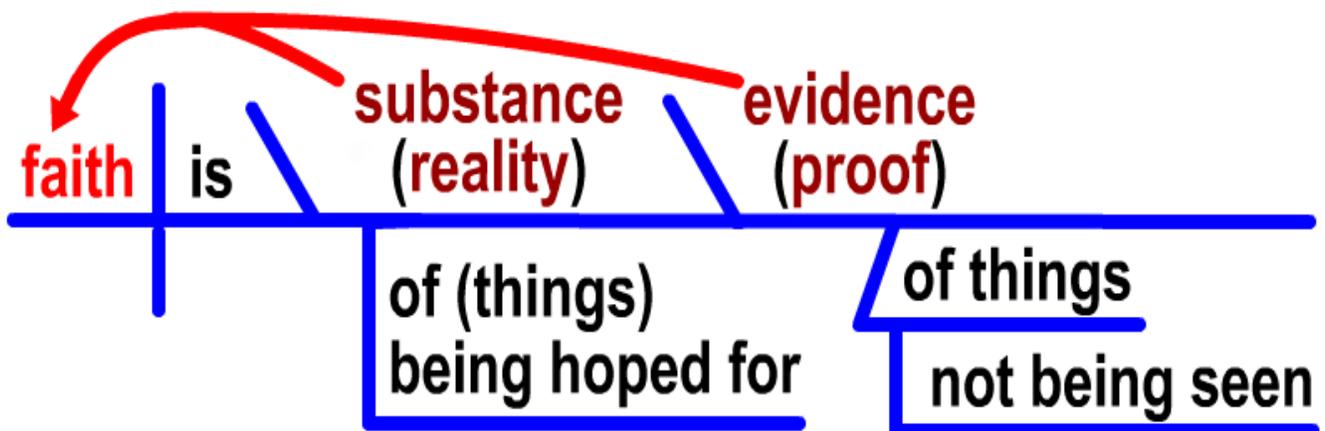
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**FAITH → REALITY**

**HEB 11:1**



## **Things of God - Absolute Certainty**

**The Bible - God's revelation**

**God's essence – the sum total of Who He is:  
love, mercy, omniscience, omnipresence,  
veracity, truth, eternal, sovereign, holiness,  
righteousness, just, infinite.**

**What He's done. What He's doing.**

**What He will do.**

**He created,**

**He judged by a flood,**

**He sent the Lord Jesus Christ  
to the Cross..**

**The Word of God is the **only** thing we have  
to tell us this..**

**He's going to come back,  
and judge the earth again..**

**Are any of these things of God  
dependent on us?**

**ZERO!**

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***BIBLICAL***

***FAITH***

***FRAME OF REFERENCE***

***... IN IT'S ESSENCE  
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## **“THINGS” OF GOD – HIS ESSENCE (Glory) Heb 11:1**

<b>HOLY</b>	<b>RIGHTEOUS JUST</b>	<b>Ps 99:9, 145:17, Is 45:21</b>
<b>INFINITE</b>	<b>OMNIPOTENT OMNISCIENT OMNIPRESENT</b>	<b>Gen 17:1, Ps 139:1-7</b>
<b>SELF-EXISTENT</b>	<b>ETERNAL LIFE</b>	<b>Jn 8:58, 14:6</b>
<b>LOVE</b>	<b>GRACE MERCY</b>	<b>Ex 34:6,7 1 Jn 4:8</b>
<b>IMMUTABLE</b>	<b>TRUTH FAITHFUL</b>	<b>Jn 14:6, Heb 13:8 1 Cor 10:13</b>
<b>SPIRIT</b>		<b>Jn 4:24</b>
<b>SOVEREIGN</b>		<b>Gen 1:1, Rom 9:14-24</b>

## **“THINGS” OF GOD (Continued) Heb 11:1**

**GOD'S ESSENCE (Glory)**

**GOD'S WAYS – Isa 55:8,9**

**GOD'S THOUGHTS**

**GOD'S WISDOM – 1 Cor 1:18-21**

**GOD'S KNOWLEDGE**

**GOD'S MIND – Rom 11:33-36**

**WHAT GOD HAS DONE**

**WHAT GOD IS DOING**

**WHAT GOD WILL DO**

**GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE**

## **Isaiah 55:8**

**For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.**

**9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

## **1 Corinthians 1:18**

**For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**

**19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.**

**20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?**

**21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

**13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

## **1 Corinthians 1:22**

**For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:**

**23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;**

**24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

**25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

## **Romans 11:33**

**O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!**

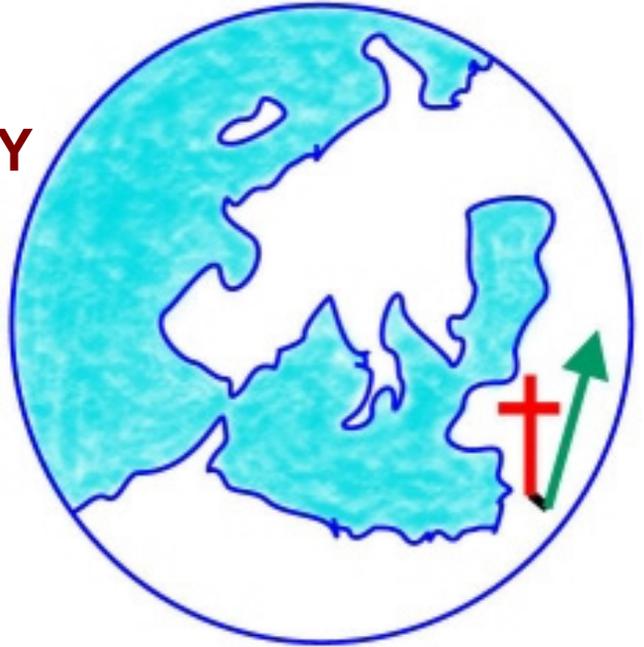
**34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counselor?**

**35 Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?**

**36 For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. Amen.**

# FROM ETERNITY PAST **GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE**

1. TO **DECLARE HIS GLORY**
2. TO **REVEAL HIS GLORY**
3. TO **SHARE HIS GLORY**
4. TO **BE GLORIFIED**



## **Psalm 19:1**

**The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork.**

**2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.**

**3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.**

**4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world..**

## **John 1:1**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## **2 Corinthians 3:3**

**Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

## **John 17:20**

**Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;**

**21 That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.**

**22 And the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one:**

**The essence of Biblical faith is  
the totality of God's revelation to man**

**Heb 11:1**

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What is the **essence** of **faith**?  
**God's total revelation to man**  
Most through the Bible,  
some through general revelation.

What's the source of the  
**essence** of **faith**?

**Hebrews 12:1**

Wherefore seeing we also are  
compassed about with so great a cloud  
of witnesses, let us lay aside every  
weight, and the sin which doth so easily  
beset us, and let us run with patience  
the race that is set before us,  
**2 Looking unto Jesus the author and  
finisher of the faith**; Who for the joy that  
was set before Him endured **the cross**,  
despising the shame, and is set down at  
the right hand of the throne of **God**.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto **Jesus** the  
**author** and **finisher** of the **faith**.

**FAITH** → **REALITY**  
HEB 11:1



**Hebrews 11:1 = the essence of  
Biblical faith**

**Hebrews 11:2-12:1 = personal faith  
(resting in the essence of faith)**

**Hebrews 12:2 = Jesus Christ is the  
author & finisher of the faith**

**The faith in scripture is used three ways:**

- 1. the essence of faith**
- 2. a portion of the essence of faith**
- 3. personal faith**

**Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the  
author and finisher of the faith.**

The word here for ‘author’ is used only 4  
times in scripture in the New Testament.

Acts 3:15 & 5:31 - prince

Hebrews 2:10 - captain

Hebrews 12:2 - author

**author, originator, founder,  
prince, leader, captain**

**Acts 3: 11**

**And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.**

**12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The **God** of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, **the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus;** whom ye delivered up, and denied **Him** in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let **Him** go.**

**14 But ye denied **the Holy One** and **the Just**, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;**

**15 And killed the **Prince** of life(**Author** of life), **Whom God hath raised from the dead;** whereof we are witnesses.**

## **Revelation 3: 14**

**And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the **Amen**, the faithful and true witness, the **beginning** (similar to **author**) of the creation of **God****

## **John 1:3**

**All things were made by **Him**; and without **Him** was not any thing made that was made**

## Hebrews 2:9

But we see **Jesus**, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that **He** by the grace of **God should taste death for every man.**

10 For it was fitting for **Him**, for **Whom** are all things, and through **Whom** are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect (to bring to a goal) the **author** of their salvation through sufferings. (NAS)

Not only is **Jesus Christ**  
the **author** or the **originator**  
of all **physical life**,  
but **He's** the **author** and **He's** the  
**originator**  
of all **spiritual life**.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto **Jesus**  
the **author** and **finisher** of the **faith**.

**finisher = completer, one who brings to a goal**

**The Lord Jesus Christ is both**  
**the author**  
**and**  
**the one who brings to a goal**  
**the faith.**

## How does **God** convey **faith's** essence? by **declaring, revealing & sharing His** glory

### Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

10:9 That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the **Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that **God** hath raised **Him** from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**. 10 For with the heart man **believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on Him** shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same **Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him**.

13 For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**

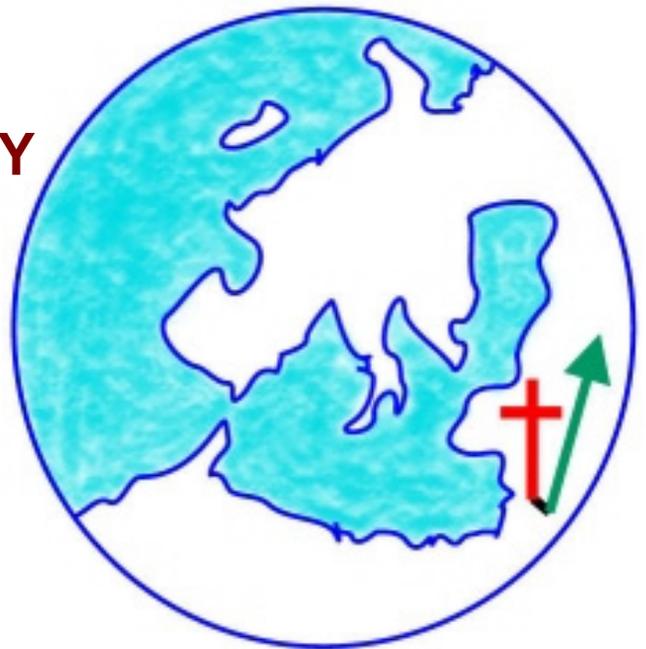
# God's Everlasting Covenant

Hebrews 13:20

Now the **God** of peace, that brought again from the dead our **Lord Jesus**, that great **shepherd** of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant

## FROM ETERNITY PAST GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO DECLARE HIS GLORY
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## How do we **believe**?

### **Romans 10:14**

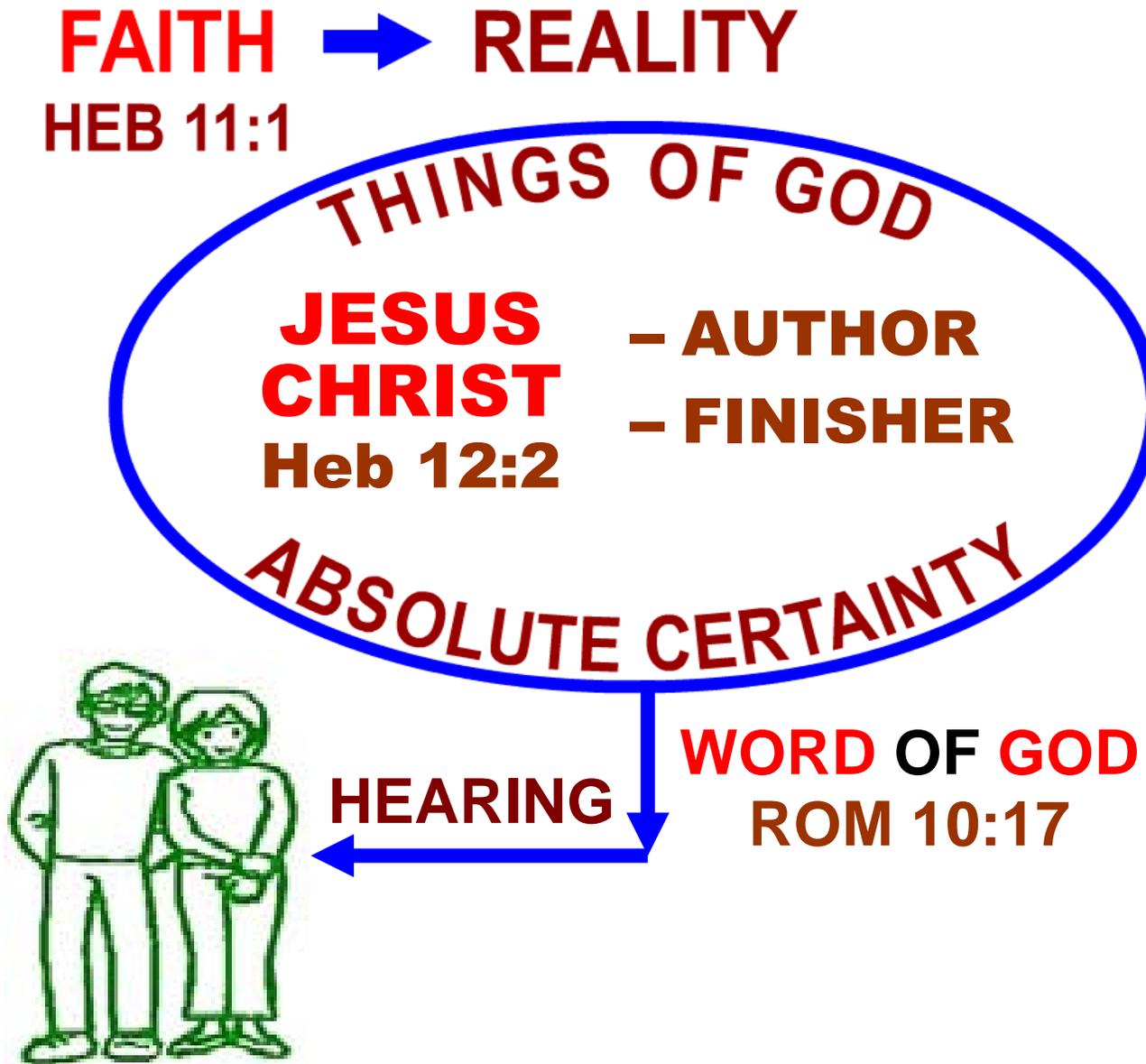
**How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?**

**15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**

**16 But they have not all **obeyed** the gospel. For Esaias saith, **Lord**, who hath **believed** our report?**

**17 So then **faith** cometh by **hearing**, and **hearing** by the **word** of **God**.**

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**FAITH** → **REALITY**

**HEB 11:1**



**HEARING**

**WORD OF GOD**  
**ROM 10:17**

**FAITH**

**REST**

**PERSONAL FAITH**

**Genesis 2:17 - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it:  
for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

**Romans 5:12 - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

**Romans 8:3 – God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned the sin in the flesh:**

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

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**HEARING**

**WORD OF GOD**  
ROM 10:17

**FAITH**

**REST**

**PERSONAL FAITH**

**Things** in Scripture:  
of the law  
of the flesh  
of the Spirit  
that are present  
that are to come  
for edification  
that are pure  
of the world  
that are seen  
that are unseen  
that are temporal  
that are eternal  
that pertain to death  
that pertain to life

and **faith** is  
the **substance**  
of **things hoped for**

**..substance of things**

**Substance is  
reality, what is true.**

**These things are real,  
they are truth, and**

**Jesus Christ said  
He is the truth, (John 14:6).**

**Jesus Christ is the source of truth,  
we are not!**

**..things hoped for..**

**Hope is certainty.**

**These things are  
certain, secure,  
not wished for,  
they are reality.**

## Romans 15:13

Now the **God** of *the* hope fill you with all **joy** and **peace** in **believing**, that ye may **abound** in *the* hope, through the **power** of the **Holy Spirit**.

**God** desires that we simply **believe** or **rest** in **His** certainty, in **His** reality & the benefit is **His** joy & **His** peace

**God's** purpose is that we may be abundantly furnished with **His** absolute certainty

## **1 Corinthians 2:9**

**But as it is written, Eye hath not seen,  
nor ear heard, neither have entered  
into the heart of man,  
the **things** which **God** hath prepared  
for them that love **Him**.**

**God** has prepared these things  
for the ones loving **Him**

**God's** prepared things can not be known  
by man's experience of sight or sound

**God's** prepared things can not be known  
by man's logic or reasoning

**How can we know God's prepared things?**

**1 Corinthians 2:10**

**But God hath revealed them**  
**unto us by His Spirit:** for  
**the Spirit searcheth all things,**  
**yea, the deep things of God.**

**God has uncovered these things**  
**He has prepared for us**

**God's prepared things can only be known**  
**by the Holy Spirit**

**How can we personally know the things**  
**God has prepared for us?**

## 1 Corinthians 2:11

For what man **knoweth** the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the **things** of **God** knoweth no man, but the **Spirit** of **God**.

Man's spirit **knows** the **things**  
that are of man

**Only** the **Holy Spirit** **knows** the **things**  
that are of **God**

## 1 Corinthians 2:12

Now we have **received**,  
not the spirit of the world,  
but the **Spirit** which is of **God**;  
that we might **know** the **things**  
that are freely given to us of **God**.

**God** gave us the **Holy Spirit** so we can  
personally know  
the **things** **God** has prepared for us

The **Holy Spirit** uncovers to us  
personal knowledge  
of the **prepared things** of **God**

We take ownership of these **prepared**  
**things** of **God** by **faith**, by **resting** in these  
**uncovered realities** of **God**

## John 16:12

**I** have yet many **things** to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> Howbeit when **He**, the **Spirit** of truth, is come, **He** will **guide** you into all **truth**: for **He** shall not speak of **Himself**; but whatsoever **He** shall hear, *that* shall **He** speak: and **He** will shew you **things** to come. <sup>14</sup> **He** shall glorify **Me**: for **He** shall receive of mine, and shall **shew it** unto you. <sup>15</sup> **All things** that the **Father** hath are mine: therefore said **I**, that **He** shall take of mine, and shall **shew it** unto you.

What are these **things** of **God** that have been **planned** for us and **uncovered** now by the **Holy Spirit**?

**God's** prepared things, shown to us by the **Holy Spirit**, are the **things** of **Christ**

**Christ's** things are **all the things** of the **Father**

## **IN CHRIST'S GLORIOUS PRESENCE**

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1. CHRIST'S LIFE</b>          | <b>is MY LIFE</b>          |
| <b>2. CHRIST'S DESIRES</b>       | <b>are MY DESIRES</b>      |
| <b>3. CHRIST'S GLORY</b>         | <b>is MY GLORY</b>         |
| <b>4. CHRIST'S WILL</b>          | <b>is MY WILL</b>          |
| <b>5. CHRIST'S MIND</b>          | <b>is MY MIND</b>          |
| <b>6. CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE</b>     | <b>is MY OBEDIENCE</b>     |
| <b>7. CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS</b> | <b>is MY RIGHTEOUSNESS</b> |
| <b>8. CHRIST'S ABODE</b>         | <b>is MY ABODE</b>         |
| <b>9. CHRIST'S REST</b>          | <b>is MY REST</b>          |
| <b>10. CHRIST'S SUFFICIENCY</b>  | <b>is MY SUFFICIENCY</b>   |
| <b>11. CHRIST'S IMAGE</b>        | <b>is MY IMAGE</b>         |
| <b>12. CHRIST'S THINGS</b>       | <b>are MY THINGS</b>       |
| <b>13. CHRIST'S LOVE</b>         | <b>is MY LOVE</b>          |

## **IN CHRIST'S GLORIOUS PRESENCE**

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>14. CHRIST'S COMPASSION</b>   | <b>is MY COMPASSION</b>    |
| <b>15. CHRIST'S SUFFERING</b>    | <b>is MY SUFFERING</b>     |
| <b>16. CHRIST'S HOPE</b>         | <b>is MY HOPE</b>          |
| <b>17. CHRIST'S GOOD</b>         | <b>is MY GOOD</b>          |
| <b>18. CHRIST'S VICTORY</b>      | <b>is MY VICTORY</b>       |
| <b>19. CHRIST'S RICHES</b>       | <b>are MY RICHES</b>       |
| <b>20. CHRIST'S WISDOM</b>       | <b>is MY WISDOM</b>        |
| <b>21. CHRIST'S COMMANDMENTS</b> | <b>are MY COMMANDMENTS</b> |
| <b>22. CHRIST'S PEACE</b>        | <b>is MY PEACE</b>         |
| <b>23. CHRIST'S THOUGHTS</b>     | <b>are MY THOUGHTS</b>     |
| <b>24. CHRIST'S WAYS</b>         | <b>are MY WAYS</b>         |
| <b>25. CHRIST'S INHERITANCE</b>  | <b>is MY INHERITANCE</b>   |
| <b>26. CHRIST'S LIBERTY</b>      | <b>is MY LIBERTY</b>       |

## Romans 8:31

What shall we then say to these **things**?  
If **God** be for us, who *can be* against us?  
32 **He** that spared not His own **Son**,  
but delivered **Him** up for us all,  
how shall **He** not with **Him**  
also freely give us **all things**?

**All the personal things**  
of our **Lord Jesus Christ**  
have been **given** to us

They are **uncovered** and **shown** to us  
through the **word** of **God**  
by the **Holy Spirit**

and we may **personally** own them  
by **personal faith** so focused on **Christ**

## Colossians 2:6

As ye have therefore **received Christ Jesus** the **Lord**, so **walk** ye in **Him**.

## 4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

1. **FAITH - ITS ESSENCE**
2. **FAITH - THE FAITH**
3. **FAITH - PERSONAL**
4. **FAITH - AS A PRINCIPLE**

**Faith** as a principle:

**Faith** in it's essence > the **Faith** + personal **Faith**

Romans 3:27 - Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the **law** of **faith**.

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The essence of **faith** is  
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## Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

## John 3:16

For **God** so **loved** the world, that **He** gave **His** only begotten **Son**, that whosoever **believeth** in **Him** should not perish, but **have everlasting life.**

## 1 John 2:2

And **He** is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the* **whole world.**

## Romans 10:17

So then **the faith cometh by hearing,** and **hearing by the Word of God.**

## **Colossians 2:6**

**As ye have therefore  
received **Christ Jesus** the **Lord**,  
so *walk* ye in **Him**.**

**7 Rooted and  
built up in **Him**, and  
established in the **faith**,  
as ye have been taught,  
**abounding** therein with thanksgiving.**

**Here **personal faith** is  
“ye **received**”, you **believed**  
-- indicative, **ao**rist, **active** – **fact****

**-- in the same way,  
“**walk ye**”, you be **walking**  
-- imperative, **present**, **active** –  
**process****

# OUR WALK BY **FAITH** (PRINCIPLE)

COL 2:6,7

## I. WE **RECEIVED** CHRIST BY **FAITH**

-- IN HIS PERSON

-- IN HIS WORK

ACTIVE VOICE – YOU PARTICIPATED

(BELIEVED VIA THE HOLY SPIRIT)

JUSTIFICATION - FACT

## II. SO **WALK** IN CHRIST BY **FAITH**

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# 4 ASPECTS OF OUR **WALK BY FAITH** COL 2:7

<b>4 STATEMENTS</b>	<b>4 ASPECTS</b>	<b>4 VERBALS</b>
1. BY HAVING BEEN <b>ROOTED</b> (FIRMLY PLANTED) IN HIM	OUR <b>POSITION</b> IN OUR WALK	PERFECT – PASSIVE
2. BY BEING <b>BUILT-UP</b> (EDIFIED) IN HIM	THE <b>PURPOSE</b> OF OUR WALK	PRESENT – PASSIVE
3. BY BEING <b>ESTABLISHED</b> (FIXED) IN THE FAITH	THE <b>RESULT</b> OF OUR WALK	PRESENT – PASSIVE
4. BY <b>ABOUNDING</b> WITH THANKSGIVING	THE <b>RESPONSE</b> OF OUR WALK	PRESENT - ACTIVE

## Romans 6:3

Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized** into **Jesus Christ** were baptized into **His** death?

4 Therefore we are buried with **Him** by **baptism** into death: that like as **Christ** was raised up from the dead by the glory of the **Father**, even so we also should **walk** in **newness of life**.

5 For if we have been **planted together** in the likeness of **His** death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of **His** resurrection:

## Ephesians 4:11

And **He** gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the **perfecting** of the saints, for the **work** of the ministry, for the **edifying** of the **Body** of **Christ**:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the **knowledge** of the **Son** of **God**, unto a **perfect** man, unto the measure of the **stature** of the **fullness** of **Christ**.

14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

## **1 Chronicles 4:10**

**And Jabez called on the **God** of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.**

## **Ephesians 1:3**

**Blessed be the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ, Who** hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly places in **Christ**.**

## **Colossians 3:1**

**If ye then be risen with **Christ**, seek those **things which are above**, where **Christ** sitteth on the right hand of **God**. 2 Set your affection on **things above**, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with **Christ** in **God**.**

## Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for **He** hath said, **I** will never, never, never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

## Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is **Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, **Who** is even at the right hand of **God**, **Who** also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall **separate us** from the love of **Christ**? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? .... 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate us** from the love of **God**, which is in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

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**it's believing in the Person and Work  
of our Lord Jesus Christ**

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## **2 Cor 3:18**

**But we all, with open face **beholding** as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

**We walk by the principle of faith,  
God does the rest**

**Can we walk by a principle of faith,  
which is non-Biblical?**

**Personal Biblical faith**

**versus**

**personal non-Biblical faith**

- QUESTION: WHAT IS PERSONAL BIBLICAL FAITH?**
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  - THE OBJECT OF THIS **FAITH** IS **JESUS CHRIST**.



**QUESTION: WHAT IS PERSONAL NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?**

- IT IS THE SUBJECTIVE **TRUST** OR **FAITH** IN THE **WAYS AND WISDOM OF MAN**, WHICH IS **ASSUMED REALITY** AND IS **UNCERTAINTY**, RESULTING IN **MAN'S UNREST**.
- THE **OBJECT** OF THIS **FAITH** IS **SELF**



## **THINGS OF MAN**

<b>THINGS OF THE EARTH</b>	<b>SELF ASSURENCE</b>
<b>EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>SELF WORTH</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>SELF</b>
<b>AWARENESS</b>	
<b>HOPE</b>	<b>SELF</b>
<b>CONFIDENCE</b>	
<b>WISDOM</b>	<b>SELF CONTROL</b>
<b>SELF ESTEEM</b>	<b>SELF WORTH</b>
<b>SELF IMAGE</b>	<b>SELF RELIANCE</b>

### The **ways** and **wisdom** of man

**1 Cor 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?**

## **Romans 7:7**

**What shall we say then? Is the law **sin**? God forbid. Nay, I had not known **sin**, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet**

**The **law is not sin**, but by the law we know about **the sin nature****

**8 But **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law **sin was dead.****

**9 For I was **alive** without the law once: but when the commandment came, **sin** revived, and I **died.****

**Paul was **living**, he was in **fellowship** with  
our **Lord Jesus Christ****

**Paul was **alive** but **the sin nature** used the law to kill Paul, he **died****

**Death means **separation**, here it is **loss of fellowship** with **God****

**Is the Christian life imitating Christ?  
NO!**

**Because imitation  
turns our focus toward self**

**The sin nature is confident  
it can imitate Christ's life,  
and loves to be told what to do**

## **The Christian life is Christ**

**All the acceptance there is, we have,  
His acceptance**

**Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory  
of His grace, wherein He hath made us  
accepted in the beloved.**

**Romans 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to **life**, I found to be unto **death**.**

**11 For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived** me, and by it slew me ...**

**14 For we know that **the law** is **spiritual**: but **I am carnal**, sold under **sin**.**

**We **walk** in the sin nature  
or in **the Spirit****

**The sin nature's control leads to  
constant unrest**

**The sin nature's answer to failure is  
you can do it, try harder**

**We come to see that  
we do not have sufficiency**

**Romans 7:24**

**O wretched man that I am!**

**Who shall deliver me  
from the body of this death**

**Not what but Who shall deliver us**

**25 I thank God  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
So then with the mind I myself  
serve the law of God;  
but with the flesh the law of sin.**

**God's principle**  
**(law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus)**  
**is to focus our faith on Christ Jesus**  
**alone**

**We walk in the Spirit by**  
**the principle of faith in Christ Jesus**  
**Who has set us free from the sin**  
**nature,**  
**to live His life in us**

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## The faith in scripture can refer to:

1. the **essence of faith**, the **totality of God's** revelation to man
2. a **portion of the essence of faith**, like the **Gospel**
3. **personal faith**, **resting in the essence of faith**

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ACTIVE VOICE - YOU KEEP ON (PRESENT TENSE)

RESTING IN CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE

Result: SANCTIFICATION - PROCESS

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1. WHAT IS NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?**
- 2. IS FAITH A GIFT?**
- 3. IS FAITH A WORK?**
- 4. ARE FAITH AND BELIEF THE SAME?**
- 5. ARE THERE DEGREES OF FAITH?**
- 6. DOES OUR FAITH GROW OR INCREASE?**
- 7. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH & KNOWLEDGE?**
- 8. DOES GOD TEST OUR FAITH?**
- 9. DOES FAITH DETERMINE OUR WALK?**
- 10. WHAT ENERGIZES OUR FAITH?**

We are **appointed** to trials

We **represent Him** & our **heavenly home**

**1 Thessalonians 3**

**2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:**

**3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are **appointed** thereunto.**

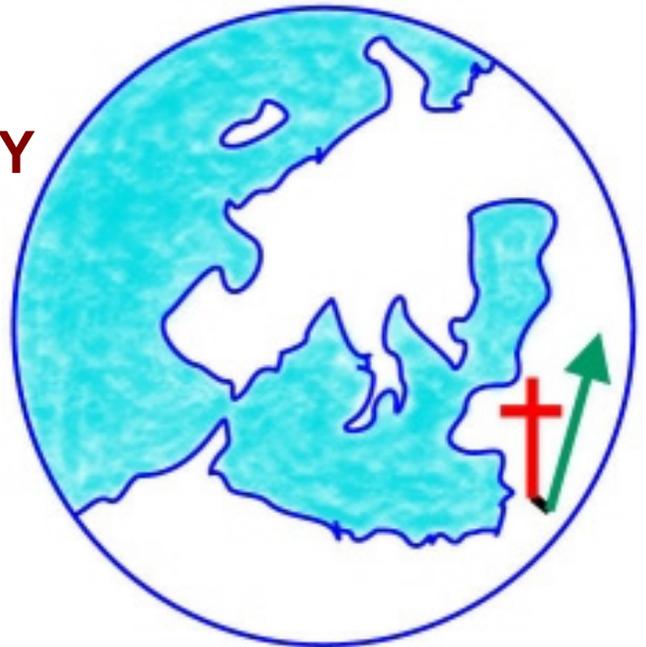
**Christ lives His life** through us, **He** is our **life**

**Galatians 2**

**20 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.**

# FROM ETERNITY PAST GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO DECLARE HIS GLORY
2. TO REVEAL HIS GLORY
3. TO SHARE HIS GLORY
4. TO BE GLORIFIED



**God's Spirit reveals God's glory  
through God's Word**

**God's Spirit shares God's glory  
by forming Christ in us**

**as our personal faith is focused on  
God's revelation of Himself**

**God's principle**

**(law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus)**

**is to focus our faith on Christ Jesus –  
God's glory**

**This is a process, done by the Holy Spirit**

**Is God's purpose independent of trials, circumstances, & suffering?**

**God allows these to come into our lives, so is God sovereign?**

**God is sovereign, so  
God uses these things  
to share His glory with us**

**Trials**  
**dakemadzo**  
**test, prove**  
**to approval**

**Temptations**  
**pieradzo**  
**tempt**  
**to failure**  
**a solicitation**  
**to sin**

**pieradzo = temptation to failure, solicitation to sin**

**Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee: and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.**

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**James 1:13**

**Let no man say when he is tempted,  
I am tempted of God:  
for God cannot be tempted with evil,  
neither tempteth He any man:**

**God will never tempt to failure,  
God never solicits to sin**

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**How are we tempted? Who is the tempter?**

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**The who is ourselves!**

**Lust is epithumia = very strong desires**

**What is the power source of these strong desires?**

**Rom 6-7, “the” sin = the sin nature  
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- ABIDING IN SIN NATURE

- DEATH (SEPARATION) = DEATH  
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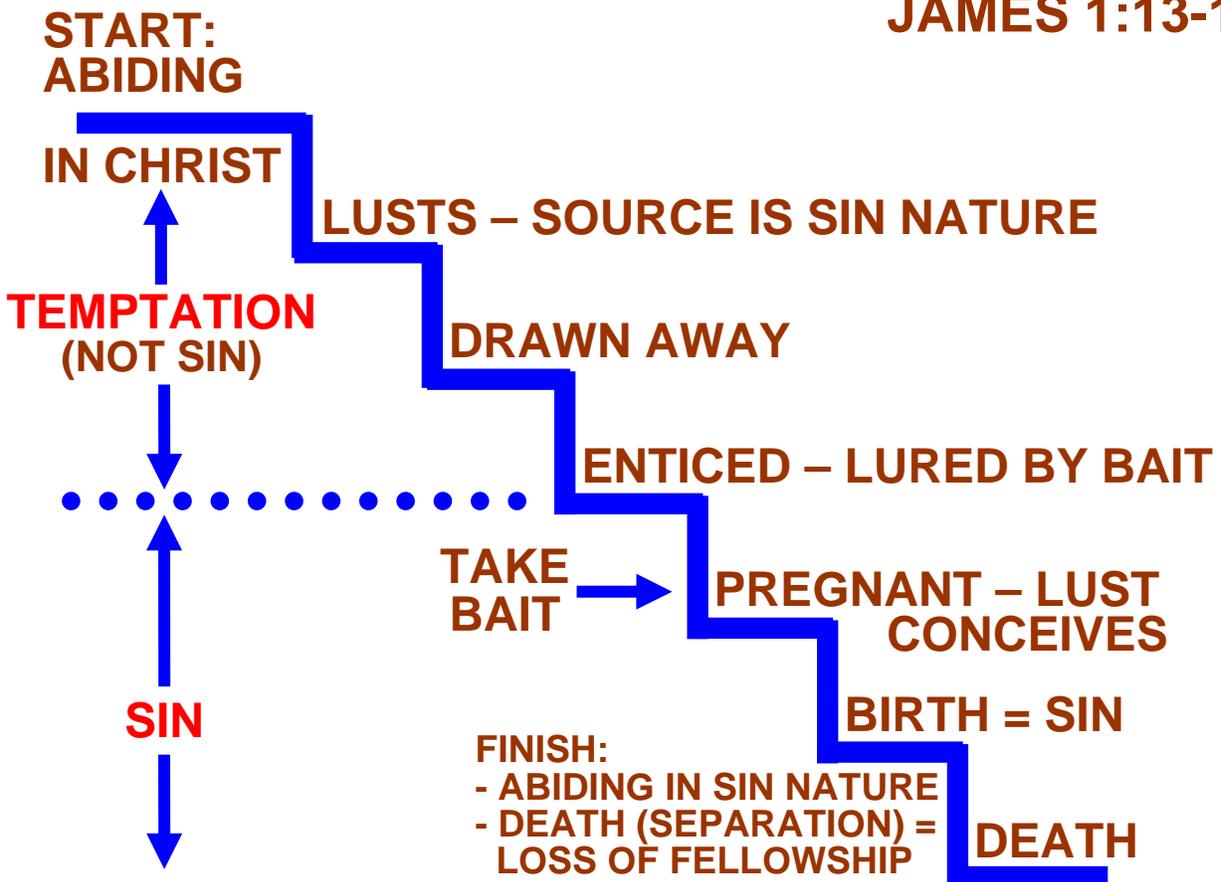
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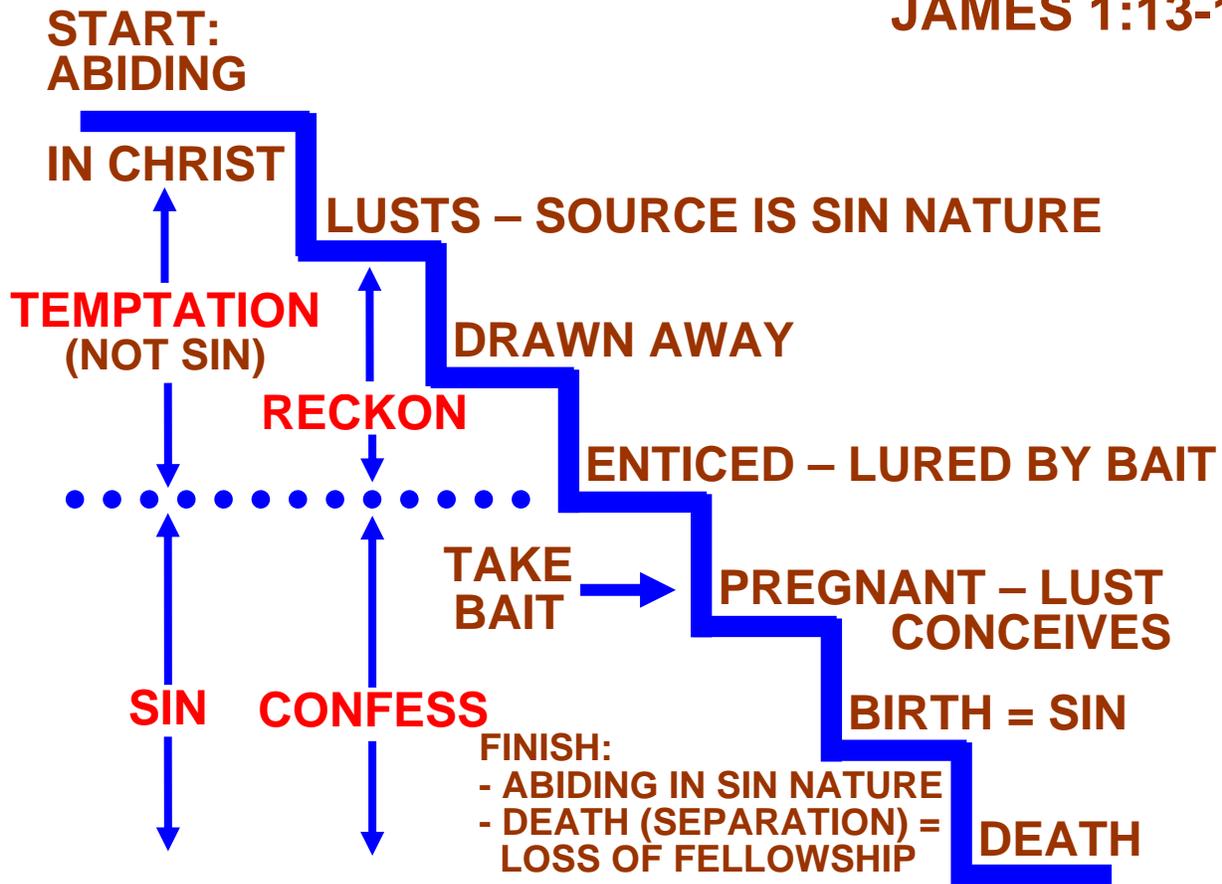
1 John 1:9 if we **confess** our sins, **He** is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and **cleanse** us from every unrighteousness.

Romans 6:10 For in that **He** died, **He** died unto sin once: but in that **He** liveth, **He** liveth unto **God**.

11 Likewise **reckon** ye also yourselves to be **dead** indeed unto sin, but **alive** unto **God** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE TEMPTATION PROCESS

JAMES 1:13-15



**We walk in the Spirit by the principle of faith in Christ Jesus**

**He has died unto (in relation to) the sin nature to set us free from the sin nature, He is living unto (in relation to) God through us, because He is our life!**

**Reckoning:**

**Personal faith when tempted, is to count it as true that Christ died unto (in relation to) your sin nature, you no longer are a slave to your sin nature, and Christ is living His life through you**

## **James 1:12**

**Blessed (happy) *is* the man  
that **endureth** (abides under)  
**temptation**:(to fail)  
for when he is **tried**,  
(having become approved)  
he shall **receive** the **crown of life**,  
which the **Lord** hath promised  
to them that love **Him**.**

**God** uses these things  
to share **His** glory with us

## **4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH**

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The answer is **yes**, **God** tests our **faith** by **trials**.  
**Why** does **God** allow trials?

## **Faith** and Testing

### **Trials**

**dakemadzo**  
**test, prove**  
**to approval**

### **Temptation**

**pieradzo**  
**test, tempt**  
**to failure**  
**a solicitation**  
**to sin**

**James 1:13 Let no man say when he is**  
**tempted,**  
**I am tempted of God:**  
**for God cannot be tempted with evil,**  
**neither tempteth He any man:**

**God will never tempt to failure,**  
**God never solicits to sin**

**God always tests us**  
**with a view to approval**

**Faith** and Testing  
**God** wants us to walk in  
total dependence on **Him**  
What's the purpose of trials?

FROM ETERNITY PAST  
**GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE**

1. TO DECLARE **HIS** GLORY
2. TO REVEAL **HIS** GLORY
3. TO SHARE **HIS** GLORY
4. TO BE GLORIFIED



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**Romans 5:1 Therefore . . .**

**Rom 1-3a = Man without **faith** in **Christ & His Work** declared unrighteous**

**Rom 3b-4 = Man with **faith** in **Christ & His Work** declared righteous**

## **Faith** and Testing

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**Romans 5:1** Therefore

being (having been) **justified**  
(declared absolutely righteous in **Christ**)  
by **faith**, . . .

**How?** By **His** grace and through our  
response of **faith**

being (having been) = this is a fact,  
it is our position in **Christ**  
our position in **Christ** is everlasting,  
& it will never change

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Peace “with” **God** = face-to-face  
peace, positional peace of  
right standing before **God**

Peace “of” **God** = peace in our  
hearts, conditional peace in  
our walk by **faith** in **God**

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**access into** = **led** by one into a **position** because of the **merit** of the **one leading**

The **Lord Jesus Christ** has **led** us into **God's** grace

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wherein we **stand** (are entrenched)

**led** there by **Christ**  
on the **merit** of **Who He** is  
we **stand** = we are entrenched  
for **eternity** in **God's** grace,  
**This is our position,**  
**and it will never change**

## **Faith** and Testing

The purpose of trials?

**God's** eternal purpose is to share **His** glory,  
how does **He** do this in trials?

Galatians 5:4 **Christ** is become of no  
effect unto you, whosoever of you  
are **justified by the law**

(**attempt** to be declared **good by law keeping**);  
ye are **fallen** (**condition not position**)  
from **grace**

Can we fall from our **position** of **grace**?  
Answer, **No!**

We are **entrenched** in **God's grace**,  
it's our **position**

but our **walk** or **condition** may not  
be according to our **position**  
we may be **walking** according to  
some **law system**, not **grace**

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“positioning” us in **Christ**  
we are justified,  
we have peace,  
we have been led,  
we have access into **God's** grace,  
we are entrenched in **God's** grace

## **Faith** and Testing

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Then **God** shares **His** glory with us by a  
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by **faith** into this grace wherein we stand (are entrenched),

and **rejoice** (are glorying)

in **hope** (absolute confidence) of  
the **glory** (**Jesus Christ**) of **God**

The hope is **God's** – Heb 11:1

hope = **God's** absolute confidence  
in **His** own glory, **Jesus Christ**

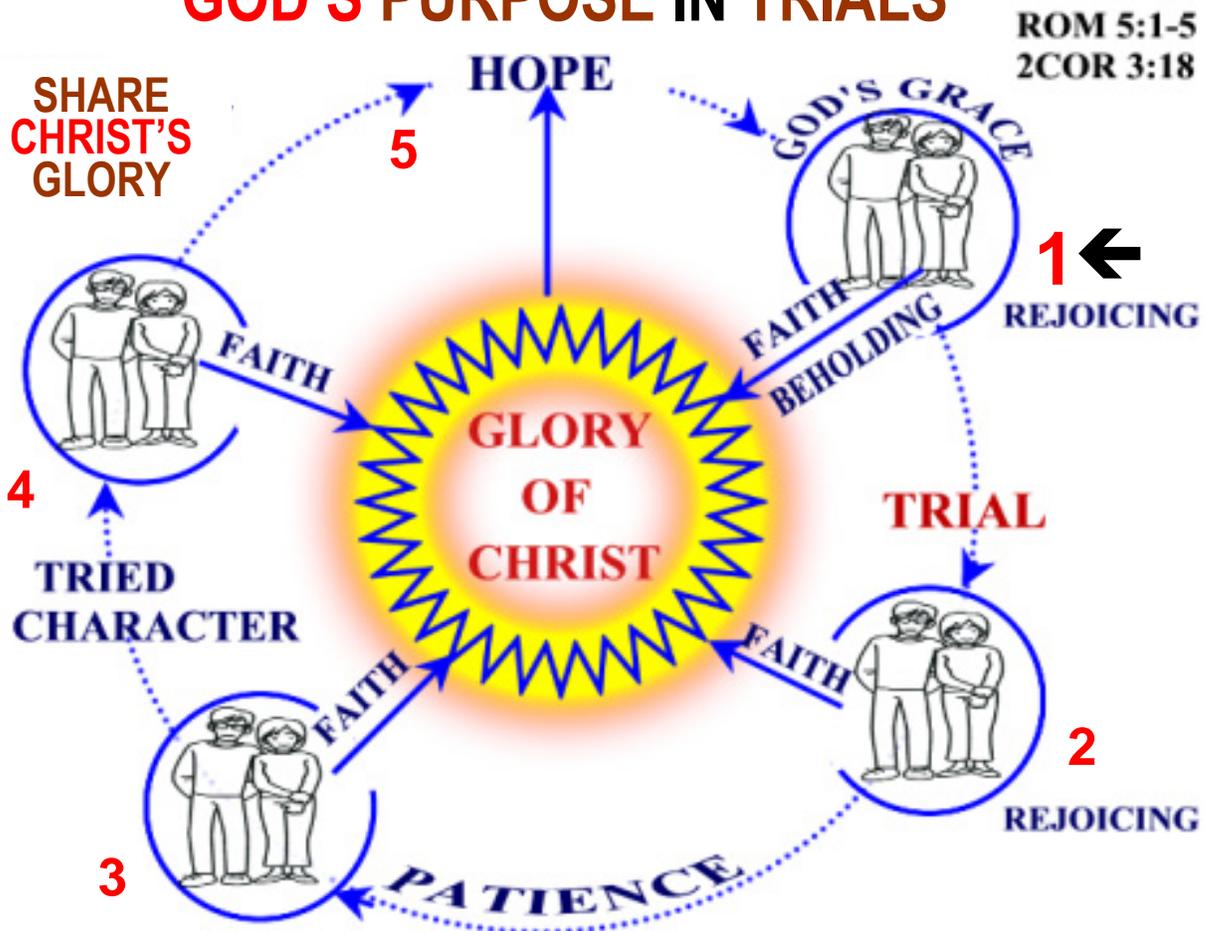
In **God's** grace (position) we walk  
(condition) by **faith** beholding the Person  
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# Faith and Testing: God's shares His glory, how? God “positions” us in Christ God “conditions” us by a process

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## GOD'S PURPOSE IN TRIALS



**Faith** and **Testing**: **God's** shares **His** glory, how?

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...**3** **And** not only so but we

**glory** (rejoice) in **tribulations** also:

**knowing** (knowing facts) . . .

In **tribulations** there are **solicitations**

to **sin** from our **sin nature**

but we can now **reckon** that we are

**dead** unto our **sin nature** and **alive** unto **God**

**Why** should we **rejoice** in **tribulations**?

**1 - God** allows it

**2 - We** are **appointed** to **trials**

we **represent Him** & our heavenly home

**1 Thess 3:3** we are **appointed** thereunto

**3 - God's** eternal purpose is to share

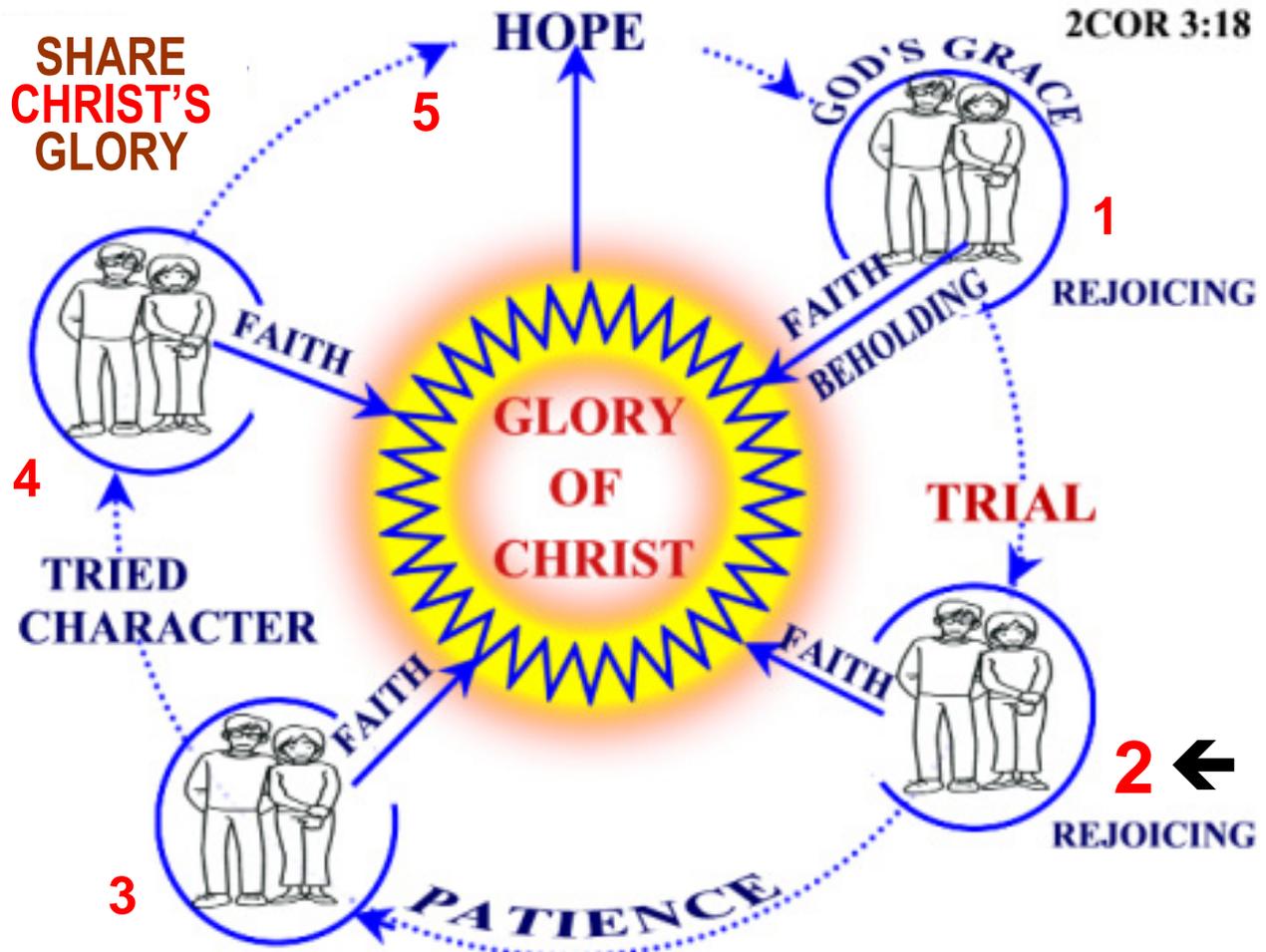
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**patience (at home under)**

**This is how God shares His glory,**  
**our Lord Jesus Christ, through**  
**trials**

**tribulation = pressure on the mind**

**works = to bring to a result,**  
means there is a reason for the trial  
because there is a goal, a result

**patience = to abide under,**  
to be at home under the trial

**The patience is**  
**our Lord Jesus Christ's**

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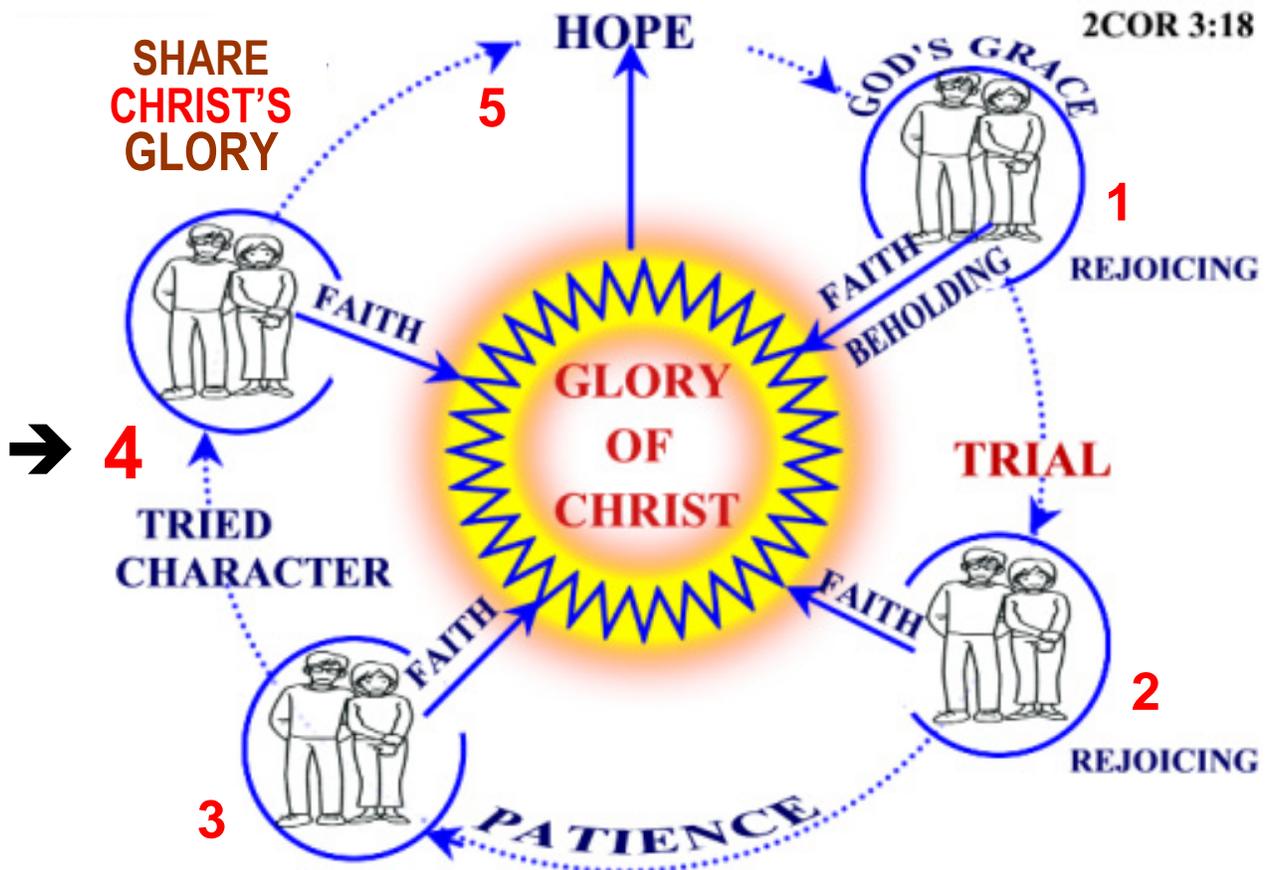
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**patience**, (works) **experience** (approved character);  
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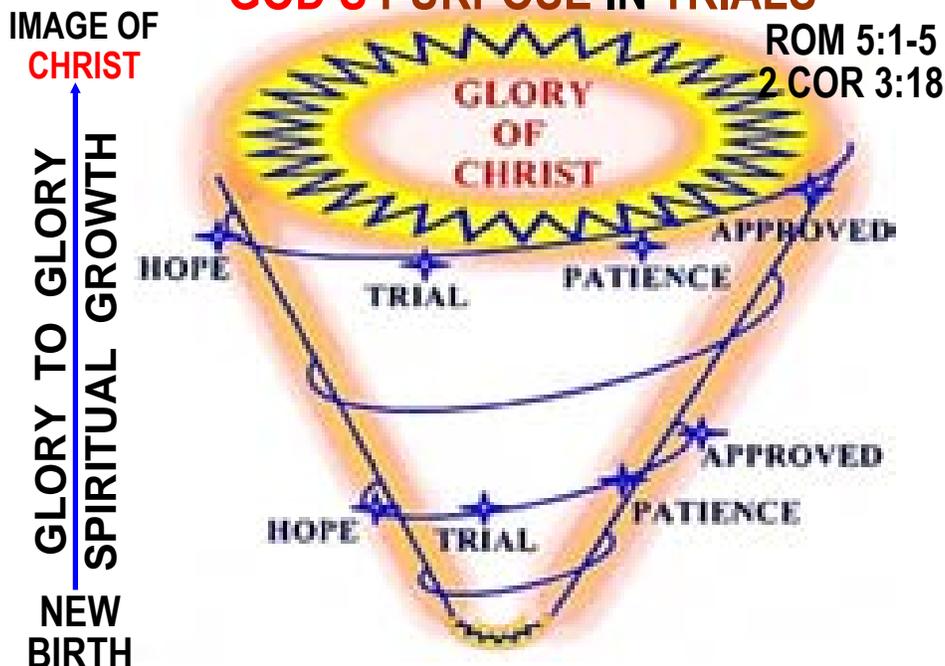
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**God** “conditions” us by a process  
**God's** purpose is accomplished  
by this process, **He** is sharing the glory  
of our **Lord Jesus Christ**

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

But we all, with open face **beholding** as in a glass the **glory** of the **Lord**, are changed into the **same image** from **glory** to **glory**, even as by the **Spirit** of the **Lord**.

**God** uses this process to share  
**His** glory with us  
because **His** character is revealed and  
approved through each trial  
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**God's** test for approval is the option  
to rejoice in trials

**2 Corinthians 3:3** ... ye are manifestly  
declared to be the **epistle** of **Christ**  
ministered by us, **written** not with ink, but  
**with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables  
of stone, but in fleshy tables of **the heart**.

**God's** glory, our **Lord Jesus**  
**Christ's** proven character,  
is **seen** by the world through us

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**Romans 5:5** and **hope** maketh **not** ashamed  
(**no** disappointment); because the **love** of  
**God**

is shed abroad (gushed forth) in our hearts  
by the **Holy Spirit Who** is given unto us.

**His** absolute certainty  
never disappoints us  
because the **Holy Spirit** is revealing  
**His** love in our hearts

**Galatians 5:6** For in **Jesus Christ** neither  
circumcision **availeth** any thing, nor  
uncircumcision; but **faith** which **works** by  
**love**

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When the trial comes  
you will always find:  
**Him** waiting there

**Him** faithful  
**He** will never leave you  
nor forsake you

**He** loves you

**He** purposes to share the very glory  
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**Is **personal faith** a **gift**?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Romans 12:3 & 6**

**1 Corinthians 12:9**

## Is **personal faith** a gift?

Romans 12:3

. . . according as **God** hath dealt to every man the **measure** of **faith**

Romans 12:6

Having then (**spiritual**) **gifts** differing according to the **grace** that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us **prophecy** (**forth-tell**) according to the **proportion** of the **faith**;

**context: believers** are given **spiritual gifts** by **God**

**the measure & proportion of the faith,**  
**are for the function of**  
**our spiritual gifts**

**proportion of the faith =**  
**the objective truth**  
**from God's Word**

## **Is personal faith a gift?**

**1 Cor 12:9 . . . to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.**

**context: believers are given spiritual gifts by God**

**this gift of faith is included in a list of gifts**

**this gift of faith = the revelation of the objective truth by the Holy Spirit**

**this list of gifts were temporary gifts until the New Testament was finalized**

## **Is personal faith a gift?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by **grace** you are **saved** through **faith** and  
that (this) not of yourselves,  
it is the **gift** of **God**, not of works,  
that no man should boast.

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this **faith** is not of yourselves,  
this **faith** is the **gift** of **God**,  
this **faith** is not of works  
that no man should boast.

For by **grace** are you **saved** through **faith** and  
this **salvation** is not of yourselves,  
this **salvation** is the **gift** of **God**,  
this **salvation** is not of works  
that no man should boast.

## **Is personal faith a gift?**

**Is this gift of God, faith or salvation?**

**Rule: each pronoun must agree with the noun it “stands for”, in both gender and number**

**pronouns “this & it” not feminine gender  
so can not “stand for” faith**

**Faith is not the gift of God, therefore  
Salvation is the gift of God in this passage**

## **Is personal faith a gift?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**For by grace are you saved through faith and this salvation is not of yourselves, this salvation is the gift of God, this salvation is not of works that no man should boast.**

**Conclusion:**

**Faith** is not the **gift** of **God** in this passage

**Correlation:**

**gift of God** is never used in NT for **personal faith**

**God's gift = everlasting life** – John 4:10-14

**God's gift = Holy Spirit** – Acts 2:38; 8:20; 10:45; 11:17

**God's gift = justification(righteousness)** – Rom 5:15,17-18

**God's gift = Jesus Christ** – 2 Cor 9:15

**God's gift = salvation through personal faith (resting)**

**in the Person & Work of Jesus Christ**

**– Acts 16:30-31**

**Observe: personal faith is HOW we receive**

**God's gift of salvation** – Eph 2:8-9; Acts 16:30-3

## Is **personal faith** a **gift**?

**Acts 16:25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. **26** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

**27** And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. **28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

**29** Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, **30** And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

**31** And they said, **Believe** on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**Is personal faith a gift? No,  
personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**Many object that man is unable to respond in  
faith to God's drawing of man to Christ**

**This is totally inconsistent with God's Word  
God makes sure every man knows God exists  
and knows God's power**

**Romans 1:19 . . . that which may be known  
of God is manifest in them; for God hath  
shewed *it* unto them. 20 For the invisible  
things of Him from the creation of the world  
are clearly seen, being understood by the  
things that are made, *even* His eternal power  
and Godhead; so that they are **without  
excuse:****

**God says in His word that every man is  
without excuse for not believing this  
knowledge of God**

**Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they  
glorified *Him* not as God, neither were thankful; but  
became vain in their imaginations, . . .**

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**God has given every man capacity &  
responsibility to respond to God's drawing by  
personal faith**

**John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will  
draw all men unto Me.**

**1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God  
the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by  
the foolishness of preaching to save them that  
believe.**

**Salvation is totally the Work of God  
Faith is wholly the responsibility of man**

**Man does not contribute to his own salvation  
God does not contribute to man's unbelief**

**God alone must do the saving  
man must do the believing**

**Those who are saved have only God to thank  
Those who are lost have only themselves to  
blame**

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**John 3: 16 For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in  
Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn  
the world; but that the world through Him might be  
saved.**

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What is **personal Biblical faith**?

It is the **subjective trust** and **rest**  
in the **objective truth** from the word of **God**,  
which is **reality**, resulting in man's rest

The **object** of this **faith** is **Jesus**  
**Christ**

What is **personal unbiblical faith**?

It is the **subjective trust**  
in the **ways** and **wisdom** of man,  
which is **assumed reality** and is **uncertainty**,  
resulting in man's unrest

The **object** of this **faith** is **self**

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**Christ's sufficiency**

**Christ's worth**

**Christ's wisdom**

**Christ's esteem**

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God's gift of salvation**

**Hebrews 12:2 looking (away) unto Jesus  
the author and finisher of faith . . .  
Looking away from self unto Jesus,  
the essence of faith,  
not personal faith,  
He's the essence of faith**

**Hebrews 12:1 . . . let us lay aside every weight, and the  
sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with  
patience the race . . .**

**Colossians 1:27 . . . God would make known . . . the  
glory . . . Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

**2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face  
beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are  
changed into the same image from glory to glory,  
even as by the Spirit of the Lord**

**2 Corinthians 3:3 . . . ye are manifestly declared to be  
the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with  
ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables  
of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

**Is personal faith a gift? No,**

**personal faith is HOW we receive  
God's gift of salvation**

**Personal faith never thinks about that which is  
in ourselves as ground of rest.**

**Personal faith receives, it loves, it apprehends  
what the Father has revealed in His word,  
and His thoughts about the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in Whom He has His rest.**

**May Jesus Christ be our rest**