



High Value Living



Lesson

How to Please God

Coupled together with repentance is faith in what God has done by sending Jesus to exchange his life for ours. Faith has always been the mark of a disciple of Jesus. The early disciples were known as believers (Acts 2:44; 5:12). So important is faith to the Lord that the Bible tells us:

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” Hebrews 11:6.

Why is Faith So Important?

Have you ever wondered why God places such a high priority on faith? Why is it so important to God? Why has he based his plan of salvation on faith? Why does he say that *“everything that does not come from faith is sin?”* (Romans 14:23). To understand the reason why faith is so important, we must look again the origin of mankind’s problem — the original temptation (Genesis 3). When Adam and Eve sinned, a number of things happened:

- * They stepped out of a God-focus into a self-focus
- * They stepped out of a God-consciousness into a self-consciousness
- * They stepped out of a God-centeredness into a self-centeredness
- * They stepped out of a God-dependence into a self-dependence

Only faith in God reverses this condition. Faith presupposes total dependence on God. This dependence on God is expressed in every step of faith.

Faith means having trust, assurance or confidence in another person or that person’s words. Having faith in God involves an exchange of trust from self to Him. Faith always involves action and your action of receiving personally what he has done for you results in a wonderful miracle.

The Basis of Faith

Faith in God is based on three important realities:

- * **God’s promise** — In His Word, the Bible, God has given many wonderful promises to the believer in Christ (Romans 4:20).
- * **God’s character** — God is faithful to His Word (Hebrews 11:11).
- * **God’s power** — God has power to fulfill His promises (Romans 4:21).

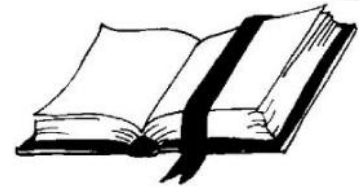
**Faith means trusting
absolutely in God's
love for you**



**Your life of faith begins when
you say “yes” to Jesus and
His gift of salvation**



Making the Truth Mine



Write in your own words what this lesson has meant to you and how it will effect your life.

You can make a difference!

For this study to have its full effect in your life, we encourage you to:

- * Read and digest the study - meditate on the Word of God.
- * Put into action what you have learnt (James 1:22).
- * Share the Word of God with others.