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These Three Remain

N O W  
*faith is*

Study notes and devotional scriptures



HOPE + HELP + HEALING

VICTORY  GOSPEL  
CHURCH

## Week 1 Now Faith is

**1 Corinthians 13:13** And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Faith is simply trusting in a FAITHFULL God!

God will do what He said He will do

Faith says, "If God's Word says it's so, then it's so. I have it now."

Hope says it will be mine

Faith says, "I have it even though I can't see it."

(1 Kilo of Gold delivery)

You can't see you      Sin's forgiven  
Eternal life  
Heaven

**NOW FAITH IS**

### (1) The Foundations of Faith

**Hebrews 11:6** 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.

There is one thing that is impossible for you. It is to please God without faith

Hebrews 6: **13**When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,

You can't form a covenant with someone who you know will break it

God knew man was not capable of keeping the covenant  
(Agreement like a credit agreement)

+ He made a covenant with Himself

**14**saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." <sup>d</sup> **15**And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

+ Abrahams part was to wait patiently

+ You have placed an order the payment has been made its legally yours, your just waiting for a delivery

**16**People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. **17**Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.

unchanging nature of his purpose

God's determination to bless, heal and restore all nations to Himself.

very clear to the heirs of what was promised,

All the Promises

This thing is not a mystery to us, it's a revelation

**18** God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.

NOW FAITH IS

two unchangeable things

+ The Word of His Promise

+ The Oath that confirms

In Law an Oath always  
required a divine witness

(1) The Foundations of Faith

(2) The Fulfilment of Faith

**Jesus The Word, Jesus The Promise Jesus The Fulfilment**

He fulfilled of the promise before the foundation of the world.

IF IT'S Not NOW FAITH it's not faith.

Faith is in the NOW

Hope is for the future faith in the now

NOW FAITH IS

Faith is in the Now Because The Fulfilment  
is in the NOW

We are not waiting for it to happen

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**Believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.**

**Have is in the past tense.            God is outside of time**

**In the eternal realm your struggle has already happened  
and you have already won**

**You either live in**

**+ Faith**

**+ Fear**

**+ Ignorance**

**You need to be actively believing God for the issues you  
face in life.**

**Jesus commanded us to have faith in God.**

**We need to receive the gift of faith that God instructed us  
to have.**

**You are a believer not a doubter**

**You are a faith factory**

**2 Corinthians 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who  
was preached among you by us—by me and Silas <sup>c</sup> and  
Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always  
been “Yes.” 20For no matter how many promises God has  
made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the  
“Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.**

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#### 1 Day 1 Now Faith Is

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Man's pursuit of the favour of God has lasted since time began. Religion has taught us to think "If only I could get God to like me and help me, my life would be ok."

- The truth is
- ❖ You are loved
  - ❖ You are favoured
  - ❖ Your faith in God gives you access to all His promises over your life
  - ❖ God is more desperate to give than you are to receive

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

Substance = to possess, *standing under* a guaranteed agreement "title-deed"

The Title deed provides full legal proof of ownership

**1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

**The three forces that will endure through eternity are faith hope and love.**

**Hope and love are based in faith and rely on faith to find their fulfilment**

## **Day 2 Now Faith Comes**

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

**The dictionary definition of faith = complete trust or confidence in someone or something.**

**Our faith is not in our faith but in God. Faith in God does not just appear from nowhere. Obtaining faith is a process.**

**Growing in faith is a process**

**You can increase your faith.**



**Romans 12:2** **And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3**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.

**We are all given a measure of faith by God through grace**

**Faith comes in measures so that means it can be measured.**

**Ephesians 2: 8** **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**

- ❖ **So faith is received not earnt, but it is received from God as a free gift.**
- ❖ **Faith is increased by hearing God's Word**

**You can expect faith to come to you and increase in you as you spend time listening to Him speak to you**

**The word of God comes into our spirit man in different ways**

- ❖ **The written word of God**
- ❖ **The inner voice of the Holy Spirit**
- ❖ **The prophetic**
- ❖ **The testimonies of others**

## Day 3 Now Faith Brings

Faith is more than a feeling it is a force that releases the power of God into a situation and causes a miracle to take place.

Hebrews 11:3 **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.**

- ❖ Faith brings revelation
- ❖ Revelation brings transformation

Galatians 3:3 **Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. 5He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

So faith brings the gifts and ministry of the Holy Spirit with the working of Miracles. It is not works or good behaviour that accesses the miraculous only faith.

God is not moved by our situation, God is moved by faith.

People's situations are not changed because of need but by faith

## Jesus over and over again taught about faith

**Mark 6: 35 While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, “Your daughter is dead. There’s no use troubling the Teacher now.” 36But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.”**

### Day 4 Have Faith

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## Day 5 Through Faith

Faith is not the goal, faith is the means to achieve the goal.  
We don't elevate faith above the one who answers the prayer.

Faith simply is the vehicle of obtaining the promise.

**Ephesians 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **5**Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **6**And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: **7**That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. **8**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **9**Not of works, lest any man should boast.

So its grace that saves us in every situation of life. Faith simply positions us in the place of grace to receive.

Faith is a conduit

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