

Living The Christ-life

Faith

God Takes Faith Personally Because It Deals With His Integrity:

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

The Three Keys To Christianity:

Mat 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Mat 7:8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

The big issue is, how to have great faith in God:

*****Jesus was always after His disciples about their having little faith*****

Matt 8:24-26 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Little Faith:

Matt 14:29-31 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Can you increase little faith:

Luke 17:5-6 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Jesus isn't saying that their faith is little in size. He is saying it is little in endurance:

James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Rom 8:31-39 Seven Questions That Stabilize Our Faith:

1 – ³¹ What then shall we say to these things?

2 – If God is for us, who can be against us?

3 – ³² He who did not spare His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

4 – ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God Who justifies.

5 – ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One Who died—more than that, Who was raised—Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us.

6 – ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

7 – Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom 8:31-39 gives us the questions to build our faith to a constant and unwavering condition. Answer these seven questions from a Biblical perspective and you will never doubt God again:

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We are very vulnerable:

*****How have we lived so long?*****

³⁶As it is written, For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.

BE PERSUADED!

³⁸For I am sure (persuaded) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹Nor 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.