

Fundamentals of Faith
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1. What is Faith?

- a. An evidence of something we do not witness - Hebrews 11:1
- b. A characteristic that pleases God - Hebrews 11:6
- c. Faith is a characteristic we need to be saved - John 3:36, Romans 1:17

Conclusion: Faith is an absolute confidence

2. It is not JUST believing

- a. Many people believe things about God that are untrue - Matthew 7:21-23
 - (1) Perhaps they believe traditions of men - Matthew 15:8-9
 - (2) Perhaps they believe t heir own hearts - Proverbs 28:26
 - (3) The result of believing something not by faith is a sin - Romans 14:23
- b. it is believing what God has said - Romans 10:17
 - (1) We must HEAR what God has said BEFORE we believe it - Acts 18:8

Conclusion: Faith is an absolute confidence in what God has said

3. It is not JUST believing what God has said

- a. Even the Devil believes in God - James 2:19
- b. it is acting on what God has said - Hebrews 11
- c. It is doing the works that God has commanded of us - James 2

Conclusion: Faith is an absolute confidence in what God has said and acting on it

4. What the Bible does NOT say about faith:

- a. Man is saved by faith alone (James 2:24)
- b. Faith comes from prayer (Romans 10:17)
- c. Faith comes from miracles (Romans 10:17)
- d. Faith is believing without evidence (Acts 17:11, John 5:39)
- e. Faith is the opposite of reason (Isaiah 1:18)