

What is

FAITH?

Having been saved by **FAITH** “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved,” (Rom. 10:9) it makes sense that we should continue to live by **FAITH**, “The righteous shall live by **FAITH**.” (Rom. 1:17b) What does it mean to live by **FAITH** though, and how do we do it? The Bible tells us, “in accordance with the **FAITH** God has distributed to each of you” (Rom. 12:3) so we all have **FAITH**. We increase our **FAITH** by hearing the Word of God. Consequently, “**FAITH** comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ” (Rom. 10:17), and we express **FAITH** by walking in love “The only thing that counts is **FAITH** expressing itself through love.” (Gal. 5:6) Hebrews 11:6 tells us if we are not living by **FAITH** we are not pleasing God “And without **FAITH** it is impossible to please God,” and Rom.14:23 confirms this by saying that “everything that does not come from **FAITH** is sin.”

Therefore, we are to grab hold of the promises of God, stand on them, confess them, believe them, and exercise our **FAITH**, which is to “calls into being things that were not.” (Rom. 4:17) Hebrews 11:1 tells us, “Now **FAITH** is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” In Matthew, “When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,” they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, ‘According to your **FAITH** let it be done to you,’ and their sight was restored. Matt. 9:28-29 Finally, we build our **FAITH** by praying in the Holy Spirit. “by building yourselves up in your most holy **FAITH** and praying in the Holy Spirit.” Jude 20

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