

CONFIDENT FAITH

Part 1 – What Is Faith And Why Does It Matter?

HEBREWS 11:1, 6 – Now **faith is confidence** in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ⁶ 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.

ROMANS 1:17 - This Good News (the Gospel) tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish **by faith**. As the Scriptures say, "The righteous will live **by faith**."

What Faith Is Not

Genuine faith is not _____; it is based on _____.

² PETER 1:3, 5-8 - Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the **knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord.³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our **knowledge** of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁵ Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, **knowledge**; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your **knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PROVERBS 9:10 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and **knowledge** of the Holy One is understanding.

Why Does God Require Faith?

God does not want us to _____.

God wants us to know Him _____.

JOHN 1:10-13 - He (Jesus) was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was **his own**, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

JOHN 17:1-3 - After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: **that they know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

Relationships are built on _____, and trust requires _____ based on _____.

ISAIAH 26:3-4 - You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! ⁴ Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

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The first step toward God requires faith, and everyday after that will require faith until the day we go to be with Him and our faith becomes sight.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12-13 - For **now** we see only a reflection as in a mirror; **then** we shall see face to face. **Now** I know in part; **then** I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And **now** these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love