



Faith

Note: The Scripture references in this hand-out are taken from the New King James Version.

If repentance is a first step in conversion to Christ, what is the second step as described in Acts 20:21?

Acts 20:20-21 - how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

What does Romans 1:16-17 have to say about the essentialness of faith for salvation?

Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

What does it mean that "the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith?"

The Meaning of Faith

What is the definition of faith that the Bible gives us in Hebrews 11:1?

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

Can people have faith in things that are not true, that will not come to pass?

Is our saving faith a blind faith?

What does I John 5:14-15 have to say about faith?

I John 5:14-15 - Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

If God is omniscient, knowing all things, why does it say He only hears prayers that are according to His will?

How can we be confident that God will answer the prayers according to His will?

What is required to please God?

Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

How do we come by faith?

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

What role does the Bible have in our having faith?

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

Can people believe what Scripture teaches without faith?

What essential teachings about salvation must we learn from Scripture?

Can a person have the initial saving faith without reference to Scripture?

What degree of faith is addressed in the following verses?

Matthew 14:31 - And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Romans 14:1 - Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

1 Corinthians 15:17 - And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

James 2:20 - But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

What proportion of faith is address in the following verses?

Luke 7:9 - When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Acts 6:8 - And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

James 2:5 - Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

1 Peter 5:8-9 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

2 Peter 1:1 - Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

Jude 1:20 - But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

The Christian Life is a Life of Faith

What role does our faith have in accepting the truth of Romans 8:28?

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

What would be the value of faith if only good things happened to God's people and bad things only happened to those who reject Him?

Will there be a time when we don't need faith?

What does 2 Corinthians 5:7 say that helps us to better understand our faith?

2 Corinthians 5:7 - For we walk by faith, not by sight.

What does 1 John 5:4 say that helps us to better understand our faith?

1 John 5:4 - For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.