

Matt 15:28

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

James 5:14-15

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him,...

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

4. FAITH FOR THE MINISTRY:

We are all Called into some type of work for the Ministry, and God has given all of us a ‘measure’ of “Faith” in order to Serve Him in that particular work.

Rom 12:3-7

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure (a degree) of faith.

All of us however, do not have the same Office or Gifts.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Let us therefore use our Office and Gifts according to the proportion of “Faith”.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

CONCLUSION:

In all the four areas of “Faith”, we need to preach the Word of “Faith”, we need to stand firm in our “Faith”, and we need to fight the good fight of “Faith”!

Rom 10:8

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Rom 11:20

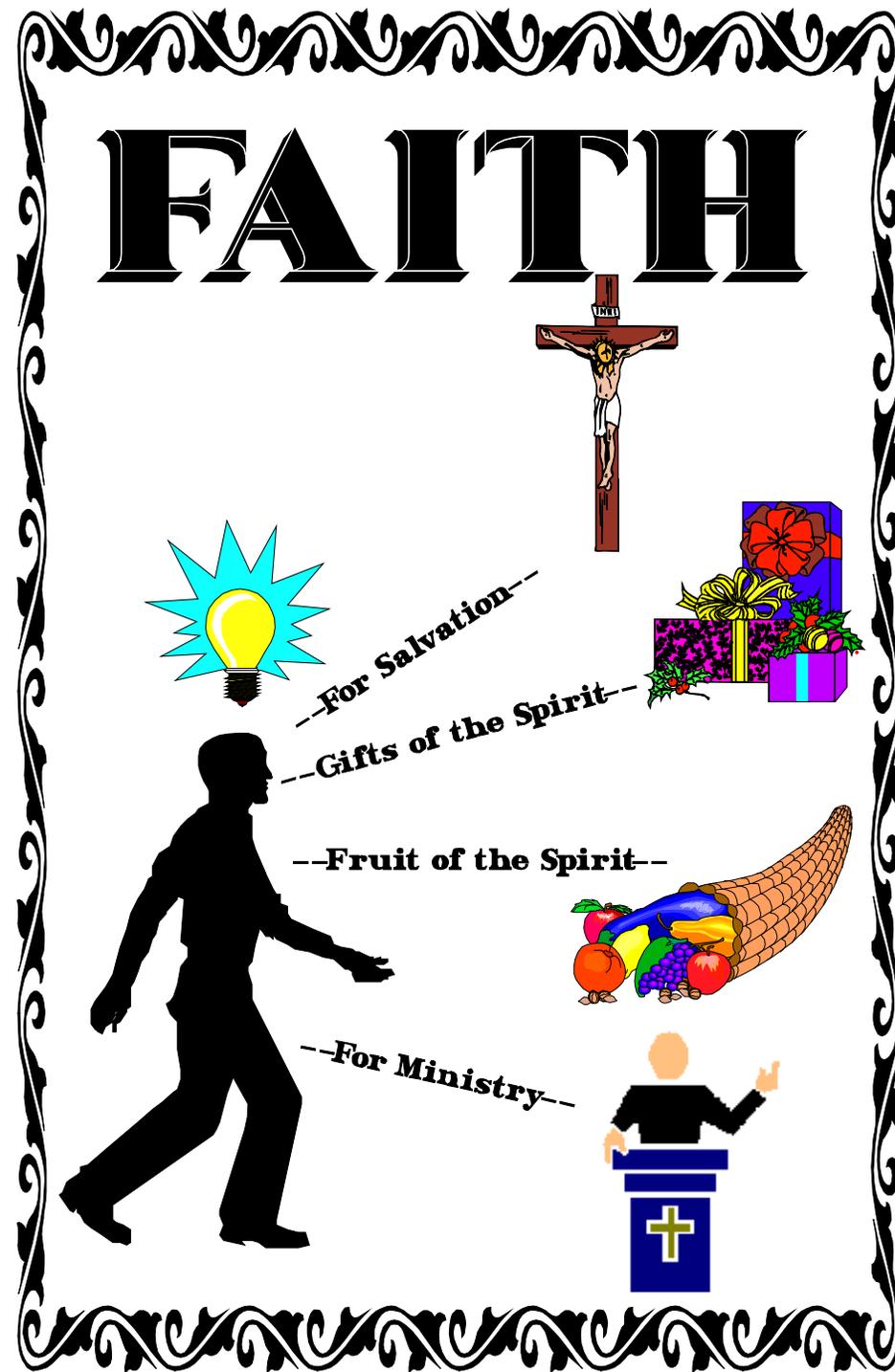
20 ...thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear (the Lord):

1 Tim 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Amen!

Timothy II



INTRODUCTION:

To have “Faith” is to trust or to have confidence in something. “Faith” is actually the substance (confidence or assurance) of things that you hope for, and the evidence (proof or conviction) of things you can’t see.

Heb 11:1

1 Now faith is the substance (confidence or assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (proof or conviction) of things not seen.

“Faith” comes by hearing, and the “Faith” of God comes by hearing the ‘Word of God.’

Rom 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Our “Faith” therefore doesn’t stand in the wisdom of men, but in the ‘miracle working’ power of God.

1 Cor 2:5

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power (dunamis) of God.

COMMENTARY:

There are actually four areas of “Faith” in the Bible. They are the “Faith” for Salvation, “Faith” as a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, “Faith” as a Gift of the Holy Spirit, and “Faith” for the Ministry.

1. FAITH FOR SALVATION:

“Faith” (pistis) in the Greek, means reliance upon Christ for Salvation.

In the area of Salvation, we are Saved in and by our “Faith” in Jesus Christ, wherein is the righteousness of God.

Rom 1:17 (Habakkuk 2:4 Gal 3:11 Heb 10:38)

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Rom 3:22

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:...

We are justified by our “Faith” in Jesus Blood for the remission of our past sins.

Rom 3:25 (Jesus)

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (an atoning) through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 3:28

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith...

Rom 5:1

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. FAITH AS A FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

“Faith” that is of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, is one of nine Fruits.

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

“Faith” as a Fruit of the Holy Spirit can come and go depending on our attitude. Therefore, we need to perfect (or complete thoroughly) that which is lacking in our “Faith” until we become full (or complete) of “Faith”.

1Thes 3:10

10 ...and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Acts 6:5 (Acts 11:24)

5 ...Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost

Love is the first Fruit of the Holy Spirit and is the key to helping our “Faith” to grow. The more our Love grows the more our “Faith” will grow & vice-versa!

Gal 5:6

6 For in Jesus Christ ...faith which worketh by love.

II Th 1:3

3 ...because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity (love) of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

3. FAITH AS A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

“Faith” that is a Gift of the Holy Spirit is what we need in order to fully function in the (Charisma) Gifts. It takes “Faith” to believe that when we move in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit things will happen, and they ‘will’ happen!

1 Cor 12:4

4 Now there are diversities (differences, distinctions, a variety) of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Cor 12:7, 9

7 But (now) the manifestation (bestowment, expression, exhibition) of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

When praying for people, especially for healing, it helps tremendously if the person you are praying for also has “Faith” as a Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Matt 9:22

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.

Matt 9:29

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.