

WHAT IS FAITH?

I ran across an article on FAITH, and this little explanation jumped out at me -- "FAITH SEES the INVISIBLE -- BELIEVES the INCREDIBLE -- and RECEIVES the IMPOSSIBLE!" -- Really Great!

The Bible gives two excellent explanations of the word FAITH -- "*FAITH is the Substance of things hoped for -- the Evidence of things not seen*" (Hebrews 11:1) -- and -- "*Without FAITH it is Impossible to Please God -- for he that comes to God MUST Believe that He IS -- and that He is a Rewarder of them that Diligently Seek Him*" (Hebrews 11:6).

With these explanations we find that FAITH is something beyond our own abilities -- something really fantastic -- something we desperately need -- and something that we can only receive from the God of Creation.

FAITH is vitally essential to our very being -- to successfully fulfilling the requirements of God -- and the only way to fully please God and to assure a place in His Heaven when this life on earth is done.

FAITH cannot be seen, it cannot be felt, cannot be heard -- except through the totally surrendered life of a True Believer.

It is easy to mouth the words, "I HAVE FAITH" -- but -- to fully put it into practice in our every-day life is another matter. Being able to take a step forward when the path is obscured -- being able to make a decision when doubts flood our minds -- being able to make a move when the future is unknown and uncertain.

This is where real FAITH comes into play -- venturing forward when there is no certain answer in sight.

That is why the writer to the Hebrews says "*it is impossible to please God!*" YES -- it is IMPOSSIBLE on our own -- But -- the Bible also assures us that NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE with God (Matthew 19:26 & Luke 1:37).

When you seriously consider how God created the universe out of nothing -- how God keeps the sun, moon, stars and everything running in PERFECT timing -- the operation of the human body using the air that we breath to enrich our blood, the food that we eat supplying all the nutrients to keep us going for 70, 80 or more years -- TRULY -- NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

We exercise FAITH in many ways all day long -- the flip of a switch turns on the lights -- the turn of a key starts our cars -- the push of a button sends electronic messages around the world -- AND YET -- do we fully understand all the details of these services and machines? NO! -- BY FAITH we take for granted that our needs will be met -- YET -- when it comes to FAITH IN GOD we often hesitate and doubt clouds our FAITH vision.

Let's take God and His Word, at face value, and surge forward into the unknown with the fulfillment of FAITH He offers. Let's open our hearts and lives to Him even though not presently fully understanding the final outcome of the situation.

One thing we can stand firm on is that HE LOVES us with an EVERLASTING LOVE -- He cares for us as no one else on earth can -- and He will always be True to His Word -- we CAN depend on it.

God is FAITHful and will NEVER fail us!

