

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

**FAITH**





# FAITH

- How Would You Define Faith?
- Do you have Faith in your everyday life?
- Do you believe in places you've never been?
- Electricity, Magnetism?
- Sure, you have FAITH



# FAITH

## Biblical Uses of “Faith”

1. Trustworthiness (**Faithful** servant)
2. Doctrine of Apostles (**THE Faith**)
3. A **Personal** Belief, Mental Acceptance & Acknowledgement Of God's Existence





**WISH  
HOPE  
FAITH**





# FAITH

Now faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for, the  
conviction of things not  
seen.

– Hebrews 11:1



# FAITH

How do we develop Faith?

IS SEEING BELIEVING?

John 20:24-28

- Yes – sometimes it is
- Great for Thomas! But what good does that do me?





# FAITH

HEARING is BELIEVING!

But not for everyone

John 4:46-48

- “Unless you see signs & wonders you will not believe”
- The organ of faith is not the eye, but the ears.



# FAITH

## IS SEEING BELIEVING?

“If I could just see Jesus, I would believe in Him”

- Luke 16:27–31
- Even if someone could witness resurrection from the dead!





# FAITH

**HEARING** is BELIEVING!

John 4:39-42

- Why did they believe?
- Did you read of any miracles in the village?
- They HEARD Jesus' Words





# FAITH

**HEARING** is BELIEVING!

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

- Wanted **signs**
- Wanted **wisdom**
- What did they preach?





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**HEARING** is **BELIEVING!**

**John 12:32**

- What makes men believe?





# FAITH

So why DID/DOES the WORLD **NOT BELIEVE?**

- John 7:1-7
- Jesus taught what they didn't want to hear (and still don't want to hear)
- Their unbelief was not based on reason but rebellion.
- Do you think the world just doesn't want to believe?





# FAITH

## Reasons why WORLD does **NOT BELIEVE** (per the interweb)

1. Think there is **no evidence** the 'story' is real
2. Grew up in **Faithless Family** – never taught
3. **Lost** their Faith
  - Experiences at College
  - Intellectual Challenges





**FAITH**

Same Message : **Different Responses**

Acts 2:37

Acts 5:29-33

Acts 7:52-54





# FAITH

John 20:29-31

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**"

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.





# Types of FAITH

- **Unwavering** Faith – Heb. 10:23
- **Great** Faith – Matt. 8:8-10
- **Strong** Faith – Romans 4:20
- **Active** Faith – Mark 5:25-34
- **Growing** Faith – 1 Thess. 1:3
- **Measure** of Faith – Romans 12:3
- **Genuine** Faith – 2 Tim. 1:5
- **Common** Faith – Titus 1:4
- **Wavering** Faith – James 1:5-7
- **Weak** Faith – Romans 14-15
- **Little** Faith – Matt. 6:30
- **Dead** Faith – James 2:17









# FAITH & WORKS

Eph. 2:8–9; Gal. 2:16

James 2:14–17

Romans 1:5; 1 Thess 1:2–3





# FAITH & WORKS

If you really believe Jesus is the Christ and that he is Lord, it changes the way you live.

So Faith is partially about **belief** but it is more than that. It is that belief moved into action.





# FAITH & WORKS









# FAITH

- What is your definition of Faith now? Different?
- Faith is living as if what God has said is true!





# Dead Faith vs. Living Faith

What makes our Faith Living or Dead?

- Works prove our Faith is alive
- Lack of Works show our Faith is dead

