

# A REFRESHER COURSE IN FAITH

## Lesson 1: God Commands Us to Live by Faith [1 Nov. 2020]

- **Foundation:**

- **2 Corinthians 5:7**

- Sight = see, feel (emotions led by what we hear & see)
- BY FAITH:
  - Faith = laying hold of the unrealities of hope (expectations) and bringing those expectations to substance – into the realm of reality.
  - Faith = a firm conviction that produces a full acknowledgment of God's Revelation of Truth.
  - To acknowledge something is to recognize something for what it is
- God's Word is Truth: **John 17:17**
- Keith Moore: "there's no communication until there's an understanding."
  - Example: how can I make you understand what milk tastes like?

### I. **The Answer to every Theological Question:**

- a. 1 John 5:4
- b. The Questions are:
  - i. Who has a right to Victory?
  - ii. How do we get Victory over anything?
  - iii. From Whom does that Victory come?
- c. The Answers are:
  - i. The born-again believer in Covenant with God
  - ii. By Faith
  - iii. God, Jesus Christ our Lord & the Holy Spirit

### II. **God's Kingdom Life Commands that We Live by Faith**

- a. 2 Corinthians 5:7
- b. Habakkuk 2:4 = "the just shall live by **his** faith"
  - i. HIS = God's Faith or the just man's faith: BOTH
- c. Romans 1:17 = "the just shall live by faith"
- d. Galatians 3:11 = "the just shall live by faith"
- e. Hebrews 10:38 = "the just shall live by faith"
  - i. Romans 10:8 = "the Word of Faith, which we preach"
    1. Is in your mouth & in your heart
    2. To live by faith, the Word of Truth: Faith – must be preached

### III. Why is Faith so Important?

- a. Hebrews 11:6
  - i. It's impossible to please God without Faith
    1. It takes faith to come to God
    2. It takes faith to believe God
    3. It takes faith to receive God's Reward
      - a. The Results of what God has Promised to Provide
        - i. The new birth
        - ii. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
        - iii. Health (physically, mentally, emotionally)
        - iv. Prosperity (financially, relationships)
- b. Isaiah 11:1-3 = the provisions of the Holy Spirit
  - i. Jesus is that Rod = the Word of God (John 1)
  - ii. The Body of Christ is the Branch: John 15.
    1. The Body of Christ grows & produces from the ROOTS of Jesus (Words) planted in our Spirit (heart, hidden man)
  - iii. The Spirit of the Lord Rests upon Jesus, therefore He rests upon the Body of Christ (the Church)
    1. He IS the Spirit of Truth: John 16:13
    2. The Spirit of Wisdom & Understanding
    3. The Spirit of Counsel & Might (strength, power)
    4. He is the Spirit of Knowledge & the Fear of the Lord
      - a. Fear = respect, reverence, honor
  - iv. What the Holy Spirit IS, so is the ANOINTING
  - v. We need to have Faith: Trust & Confidence in the Holy Spirit and His ANOINTINGS: He's in us, so is His ANOINTINGS
    1. 1 John 2:20, 27
    2. These ANOINTINGS come to us from the Holy Spirit
    3. These ANOINTINGS operate by our Faith
    4. 1 John 2:27 = the ANOINTING from the Holy Spirit is given to us to TEACH us: John 16:13
- c. 1 John 5:4 = Faith overcomes the World & it's evil run system
  - i. The world's system has been corrupted by Satan with Greed, Pride, Fear and Control (the control of others)
  - ii. Faith is our Victory over:
    1. The curse of the Law: Galatians 3:13-14, Deuteronomy 28
      - a. Sickness & disease
      - b. Lack & poverty

- c. Oppressions = to exercise dominion over, intense distribution of pressure – to control a life
  - d. Oppression (Webster's Dictionary) = The act of oppressing; the imposition of unreasonable burdens, either in taxes or services; cruelty; severity.
  - e. Depression = to bring to a slow state of strength (mind, will & emotions)
- d. 2 Corinthians 5:7 & 1 John 5:4