

A REFRESHER COURSE IN FAITH

Lesson 6: Who has Faith? [6 December 2020]

- **Foundation:**

- **Hebrews 12:1-3**

- Verse 1: weights = cares of this world, grief, shame
- Verse 1: “run with patience” = consistency of faith
- Verse 2: “Looking unto Jesus the Author ...”
 - Jesus will be with us to develop & finish our faith

- **James 1:25**

- “whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty and CONTINUES”
- Look = to eagerly anticipate the event with joyous preparation
- The event = liberty, freedom from the Law of sin & death: Romans 8:2
- Continue = a consistent, constant (patient) effort

I. **Faith for Salvation**

- a. Hebrews 11:1-3

- i. Verse 3: worlds framed by the Word of God
- ii. Our faith is based on God’s Covenant Words
- iii. Romans 10:17 = faith COMES (always) by (you) hearing and (you) hearing the Word of God
- iv. God has given us His Word by which we base our Faith

- b. Hebrews 11:6

- i. The 1st reward of Faith in God’s Word: the new birth (born-again as a child of God)
- ii. Rewards of Faith:
 - 1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - 2. Healing
 - 3. Financial Prosperity
 - 4. Grace = God’s provision in all areas of life
- iii. Ephesians 2:8 = by Grace through Faith
 - 1. God’s provision is received through Faith in operation

- c. Romans 12:3

- i. Faith is dealt to us by hearing God’s Word
- ii. Faith comes as we hear God’s Word of Truth
- iii. Acts 8:5-7, 12, 14-15

- 1. They Received = Faith comes from the Preached Word

- d. Romans 10:9-10, 13-14, 17

II. Faith is Based on God's Truths

- a. Hebrews 11:1, 6
 - i. God commands us to have and life by Faith
 - ii. It becomes our responsibility to acquire faith:
 - 1. Go to the Right Church = that preaches God's Truth
 - 2. Meditate in the Word = Joshua 1:8
 - a. The Bible says it, so I believe it and that settles it
- b. Unbelief and doubt interfere with Faith's Operation, both are developed by hearing false doctrine, lies (untruths)
- c. Acts 14:7-9
 - i. The lame man heard the Word, received the Word, Faith came, and he was healed
 - ii. God's Will is in His Covenant Words
 - iii. Settle THIS: God's Covenant Words are TRUE
 - iv. Gospel = Good News
 - 1. The yoke destroying, burden destroying power of the Holy Spirit and God's Word is Good News
- d. Psalm 91 is True
 - i. "No plague shall come nigh your dwelling" – verse 10