

“Rethinking Faith”

KJV Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

James says, “Faith without works is dead being alone!”

KJV James 2:18-20 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy **faith without thy works**, and I will shew thee my **faith by my works**.¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead**?

Faith in a traditional sense is *right believing*.

Faith is more than *mental ascent*.

Faith is a *gift of God*.

KJV Romans 12:3 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 of faith**.

There is one enemy I’ve grown to be afraid of, “certainty”.

“Certainty is the greatest enemy of unity.”

“Certainty is the greatest enemy of tolerance.”

Even Christ was not certain at the end. “My God, My God why?”

“Is there any other way?”

If there were no uncertainty, there would be no need for faith.

□ “Let us be granted, a leader, who doubts.”

□ Let us be granted, a leader who sins, asks for forgiveness, and moves forward.

I

Faith is at work in the head, heart, hands, habits and by the Holy Spirit.

Amp Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance (**title deed, confirmation**) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and **the evidence of things not seen** [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact **what cannot be experienced by the physical senses**].

Faith is not ignoring the reality of what is.

Faith believes what is not seen, because God has said it in His word.

KJV Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the **word of God**.

II

I must work the works of Him who sent me while it's day. The night comes when no man can work!

KJV John 6:28-29 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might **work the works of God**? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe** on him whom he hath sent.

Amp John 6:29 Jesus answered, "This is the work of God: **that you believe [adhere to, trust in, rely on, and have faith]** in the One whom He has sent."

To believe is to adhere to God's word.

To believe is to trust in God's word.

To believe is to rely on God's Word.

To believe is to have faith in God's word.

KJV John 9:4 I must **work the works of him that sent me**, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

☐ Let us labor in love.

☐ Let us work by faith.

III

The Just Shall Live by Faith!

^{KJV} **Hebrews 10:38** Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if any man draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

We practice our faith daily!

Faith at Work is **Integrated** Living!

☐ Works of service are Godly service and practice of Faith.

☐ Ministry is service!

☐ “This is His work, we are His agents!”

☐ Faith is acting on what you believe!

“It’s the walk, not the talk”.

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