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CONCEPT OF FAITH

Faith is God in action. God Working.
For Jesus and us faith is worship in action.

Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Numbers 21:7-9 “Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.”

John 3:14-15 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, “that whoever believes (Looks Upon) in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

Gratitude, Thanks, Worship, Praise, Names, Recognize, Welcome Etc.

John 5:19-20 “Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”

Seeing is believing. I only believe what I can see.

Believing is seeing. If I can believe it, then I will see it.

Seeing is believing, then seeing. I see by revelation and believe it. I see before I act.

Knowledge is seeing all things at once. Good-Creation-Good

Genesis 1:31 “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

God didn't know any more after creation than He did before He started. All Knowing.

Hope: Joyful confident expectation.

God Knew what He wanted to Do and was very Joyful in His Expectation.

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Dad and son go out to play catch. Dad has the ball and the son has his eyes on dad. The son positions his glove and dad throws the ball. The son catches the ball and throws it back to dad. Was it the son keeping his eyes on the dad? Was it the son raising the glove that caused dad to throw the ball.

True faith never disappoints. Never fails.

James 5:16, 17 “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.”

1 Kings 18:41-45 “Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.” So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, “Go up now, look toward the sea.” So he went up and looked, and said, “There is nothing.” And seven times he said, “Go again.” Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.”

Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Psalms 34:5 “They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.”

Faith is speaking and working in God’s behalf, for His purpose.

Faith can’t be removed and examined. It can only be recognized for what it does.

John 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

John 15:4-5 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

The more you worship the more you see.

The more you see the more you hear.

The more you hear the more you believe.

The more you believe the more you do.

The more you do the more the fruit.

The more the fruit the more the glory.

The more you behold the Glory the more you are changed.

The more you are changed the more you worship.

John 17:4 “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”

Jesus is looking for people with ears to hear and eyes to see.

Matthew 13:9 “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Matthew 13:16 “But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;”

Romans 10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Matthew 6:6 “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

Mark 9:29 “So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

Luke 10:17 “Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

Luke 10:20 “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Psalms 35:27 “Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

Luke 12:32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Psalms 40:8 “I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.””

Isaiah 58:14 “Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Psalms 123:1, 2 “<<A Song of Ascents.>> Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us.”

We know that He spoke all things into existence. We also understand that it was by faith that He spoke it into being. Faith works by love, so love was the energy that accomplished what God purposed. Without love faith has no energy.

Galatians 5:6 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working (energeo) through love.”

James 2:20 “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”

1 Corinthians 13:2 “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”

Love then is the motivation for all God does. The simplest way to understand this is to look at the Scripture concerning creation.

Genesis 1:1-3 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.”

Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”

Romans 10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Faith is very simple! God spoke and the Spirit moved. Let’s look at it this way.

Father Spoke Spirit moved

Father Word Holy Spirit

Father Son Holy Spirit

Love Faith Power

Love Word Creation

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Because everything was created out of love and brought into being by faith, it is impossible to move with God without faith, which is energized by love.

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Love is what motivates us to do what we do, and faith is how we accomplish it. Faith is, God in motion to accomplish His purpose. When we align with God and His purpose we see the reality brought about by faith energized by love.

We begin this journey of faith by believing that He Is. When God introduced Himself to Moses He said, “I AM, THAT I AM.” Now depending on who is speaking we say the same thing. I AM, YOU ARE and HE IS are all the same except for the one who is speaking it. God says “I AM” we tell each other, “HE IS” and worshiping God we say, “YOU ARE”.

John 8:58 “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the Love of God, He is the Word of God and He is the Power of God.

So often we see faith as trying to believe that something will happen or turn out the way we expect it to but true faith is fact before it happens. Faith can see the reality of something before it happens.

Ephesians 1:19-20 “and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.”

Philippians 3:10 “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,”

As we experience the love of God and place our faith in Him, God reestablishes His original plan and we experience His love and in turn love Him as He desires to be loved.

Lord increase our Faith.