



# 2010 ROCK School of Foundations

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule

### Faith Toward God

#### 1. What is True Biblical Faith?

##### ***faith***

–noun *Dictionary definition*

1. confidence or trust in a person or thing: *faith in another's ability.*
2. belief that is not based on proof: *He had faith that the hypothesis would be substantiated by fact.*
3. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion: *the firm faith of the Pilgrims.*
4. belief in anything, as a code of ethics, standards of merit, etc.: *to be of the same faith with someone concerning honesty.*
5. a system of religious belief: *the Christian faith; the Jewish faith.*
6. the obligation of loyalty or fidelity to a person, promise, engagement, etc.: *Failure to appear would be breaking faith.*
7. the observance of this obligation; fidelity to one's promise, oath, allegiance, etc.: *He was the only one who proved his faith during our recent troubles.*
8. *Christian Theology.* the trust in God and in His promises as made through Christ and the Scriptures by which humans are justified or saved.
  - The bible gives a definition of true biblical **faith**.
  - **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 KJV)**
  - **It also says without Faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6. But those who come to God must believe that he exists and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.**
  - There are many scriptures that speak of **faith** and the different types of faith. Strong **faith**, weak **faith**, great **faith**, useless **faith**, little **faith**, **faith** that heals, **faith** that deliveries. Jesus himself speaks of these types of **faith**. Here are a few examples:
    - Mat. 6:30 – You of little Faith
    - Mat. 8:10 – I have not found such great Faith

- Mat. 15:28 – “ O woman, your Faith is great
- Mat. 9:29 - his eyes were healed according to his faith
- Mat.17:20 – Faith the size of a mustard seed could move mountains
- Mar. 10:52 – Faith made her well
- There are many other Scriptures that describe the type of faith that works in our lives. But when Paul talks about the **SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THAT SUBSTANCE IS THE WORD OF GOD OR JESUS. It is not faith for faith sake but faith in a person. As we begin to study the Word ( Jesus is the Word / Logos in Greek) God through faith begins to answer prayer and obedience and we begin to see the evidence of His moving in our lives. Evidence is a legal term. It is used in a courtroom that proves a persons case.**
- **When looking at an Apple, someone can tell you that inside of that apple are seeds. But unless you cut it open you will never see the seeds. But the evidence of the seeds, without seeing them is the Apple Tree. So it is with God, the worlds were formed out of things we don't see, but we have the evidence of creation all around us to point to His Glory and intelligent design.**

## 2. Faith is not Mental Assent

- **Faith** is a condition of the heart, not the mind. **Faith** is not mere mental assent.
- But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” that is, the word of **faith** which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **FOR WITH THE HEART A PERSON BELIEVES**, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10:8-10)
- Where the mind does come in is in Romans 12:2, Be not conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of the mind**. Faith increases as we study and really more on the Word (**Jesus**)

## 3. Faith is not Sight

- For we walk by faith and not by sight—(2Corinth. 5:7)
- We do not see, touch, feel, smell, or hear (normally not audibly) God, but true biblical faith trusts the Word of God.

## 4. The Difference Between Faith and Presumption

- There is a difference between Faith and presumption. True Faith is based upon the word of God and is born out of a daily relationship with Him. Faith that works is only faith in God based on His Word.
- True faith not only believes what God says but acts upon that belief. Hebrews 4:2 says, For indeed we have had good news preached to us, **JUST AS THEY ALSO, BUT THE WORD THEY HEARD DID NOT PROFIT THEM, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT UNITED BY FAITH IN THOSE WHO HEARD.**
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## 5. Faith is Expressed by Words

- Faith in your heart will be express by the words of your mouth. The scriptures teach that out of the mouth speaks what is in the heart.
- But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,” we also believe, therefore we speak, (2 Corinth. 4:13)

## **6. We are Saved by Faith Alone**

- We are saved by Grace thru faith. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Salvation is a gift from God, you cannot earn it. It is by Faith alone that we are saved, not of works less any man should boast.

## **7. We are Justified by Faith**

- Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)
- Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. (Gal. 2:16)

## **8. Faith and Repentance**

- Faith and Repentance always go hand in hand.
- Luke 15:11 / Parable of the Sower is a great story of Repentance Restoration through faith.
- solemnly testifying to both Jew and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Act 20:21)
- The true definition of repent is to change the mind. There is scriptural references about repentance to turn around and go the other way, or change direction, but until the mind is changed or renewed (Eph 4:23 Be renewed in your mind.) the actions of turning around is at best a works mentality.

## **9. Faith Without Works is Dead**

- Faith produces a change in your life. Faith without works is a dead Faith.( James 2:14-26)

## **10. The Growth of Faith**

- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)
- Hearing with faith to receive the Spirit (Gal. 3:2)
- Your faith grows(2 Corinth.10:15)
- We grow through the word (1 Peter 2:2)

## **11.The Christian Life is a Life of Faith**

- Faith is so central to the Christian life that it in many instances is called “ The Faith.” Gal. 1:23, Phil. 2:27, Col. 1:23, 1 Tim. 5:8, 2 Tim. 4:7, Tit. 1:1, Tit. 1:13, Tit,3:15.

- In 2 Corinthians 13:5 It says to Examine yourselves to see if you are in the Faith. This is extremely important because you will determine exactly what you are believing and Trusting in. Are you trusting only in the Shed Blood of Jesus and all that He did or are you trusting yourself and your good works. Either you are in a relationship of Love (Galatians 5: 6 – Faith working through Love) or a Law of Works and you have fallen from Grace ( Galatians 5:4)
- Our walk has also been referred to as a good fight of faith. 1 Tim. 6:12
- We have a breastplate of faith to protect ourselves. 1 Thess. 5:8 Also referred to as a shield of faith. (Eph 6:16)
- There are those who are weak in faith. Romans 14:1
- The bible says that it is our faith that overcomes the world. ( 1 John 5:4)
- So, Why Faith?

Galatians 5:1 tells us that it was for freedom that Christ has set us Free. The moment a person accepts the Free Gift (Romans 6:23) The Word tells us that our Sins are forgiven and God forgets them. He puts them as far away from Him as the East is from the West. ( Psalms 103:12) We are the ones who remember our sins and relive them over and over. But through Faith in Christ we are totally set free and given sonship in the Kingdom (Galatians 4:4-5). God also could have made us robots but He wanted true sons in the faith to Love Him and truly desire to worship and Glorify Him. Faith is absolutely essential to our walk with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will absolutely receive nothing from Him apart from Faith.

- QUESTIONS:
  1. Is your Faith in Christ Alone?
  2. Are you walking in true Sonship?
  3. If you died right now, do you have full assurance where you would go?
  4. What was the last thing you Trusted God for and saw Him come through?
  5. What are you trusting God for right now?
  6. What are you **Faithing** for in the future?
  7. Is your vision scaring the Hell out of you or if God doesn't come through, you probably could pull it off yourself?
  8. Love you Guys Paul Weese