

FAITH # 1

1. Faith is the only system of human perception which is non-meritorius in nature.
2. Faith is described Biblically in several places. Hebrews 11:1; II Cor. 4:18
These phrases, which are descriptive of faith, always indicate that faith is a system of perception which brings no credit to man.
3. Faith in its verb form (to believe) is a transitive verb - it must have a subject and an object. The whole merit of faith is in the object.
 To believe (in salvation)
 Subject: whosoever
 Object: The Lord Jesus Christ
4. Faith (as far as relationship with God is concerned) has a two-fold object:
 In Salvation - Object is The Lord Jesus Christ Acts 16:31; John 3:15
 In Time - Object is the Word of God Hebrews 11:6; II Cor. 5:7
5. All of the believing in the world secures nothing but condemnation from God, but one little bit of faith with an object (The Lord Jesus Christ) secures salvation. The efficacy of faith lies in the object of faith.
6. Faith is progressive in the Christian life, but non-progressive in salvation.
7. Development of Faith
 - a. Word - Romans 10:17
 - b. Exercise - Hebrews 4:1-3
 - c. Suffering - I Peter 1:7-6
 - d. Filling of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23
 - e. Occupation with Christ - Hebrews 12:2
 - f. Maturity - I John 5:4-5; Hebrews 11:0

FAITH # 2

Eating, as a picture of Faith

1. Faith has no merit in itself.
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2. Just as everyone has the ability to eat food, so everyone has the ability to be saved.
3. All members of the Human Race (Moral, Immoral, Religious) have faith. But faith doesn't save.
IT IS FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST THAT SAVES.
4. Faith has no merit in itself, it is always the object of faith that does the work.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ does the work and we believe in Christ for salvation.
6. Everyone is saved exactly the same way.
Example: Once you eat the bread (faith in the Lord Jesus Christ), the bread is inside. John 14:20
Once you believe on Jesus Christ, Christ is in you.

TRUSTING IN HIS PROMISES

DEFINITION:

Knowing, believing and applying promises and doctrines. Isaiah 33:6 "And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times. . ."

BASIS OF FAITH REST:

Romans 8:1 "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."
Romans 11:23b "...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

TWO-FOLD OBJECT OF FAITH (Faith requires an object)

PROMISES 7,000 for use in TIME (see # 4 under FAITH # 1) only. You can't take them with you.

- I Pet. 5:7 "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."
Is. 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Be not dismayed; for I am God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
Ps. 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee; He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."
Ps. 50:3 "what time I am afraid, I will trust in thee."
Ps. 4:8 "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."

THEREFORE

I Thess. 5:18 "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

BECAUSE

Romans 8:28 "...we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called. . . according to His purpose."

AND SO

I Sam. 17:47b "...and the battle is the Lord's. . ."

DOCTRINES

Essence of God - Basis for believing
Positional Truth - Eternal security
Spirituality
Eschatology

EXAMPLE OF APPLYING ESSENCE TO ANY SITUATION:

Sovereignty: It is in His plan.
Righteousness: God is perfect goodness. This will be good for me.
Justice: So it is fair.
Love: Situation is in the realm of His love for me.
Eternal Life: John 14:19 "...because I live, ye shall live also."
Omniscience: He knows all about it already.
Omnipresence: Matt. 28:20 "...lo, I am with you always. . ." He is everywhere, therefore He is always with me.
Omnipotence: Has the power to do whatever He wants to do.
Immutability: He never changes toward me. All of these characteristics remain the same all of the time.

REST in your mind. HAVE FAITH in your heart (thinking part of your mind). THEN ACT on the Doctrine that you know.

II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."