

LIVING A LIFE OF FAITH

Lesson ONE, January 13, 2015

Note: We will turn to scriptures marked with an asterisk (*) during class

I. Goals of Course

- a. Run the course and finish the race God has for us
(***II Tim 4:6-8**; II Cor 12:1-4; I Tim 6:12; ***Heb 12:1-2**; Josh 4:14)
- b. Show world what God is like
(Jn 14:9; Jn 17:16; Phil 3:20; II Cor 5:20; Gal 5:22-23)

II. God's provisions for us through Christ (*II Pet 1:2-4)

III. Importance of Faith

- a. Means by which provisions of God appropriated or brought into manifestation
- b. Means by which we are saved (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 10:9-10)
- c. Means by which Jesus indwells us (Eph 3:17)
- d. Means by which we get our doctrine (Eph 2:20)
- e. Faith necessary in order to please God (Heb 11:6)
- f. Faith determining factor in receiving from God (Mt 9:28-30)
- g. Faith is necessary in overcoming obstacles in world
(Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; Rev 3:5,12, 21; ***I Jn 5:4-5**; Jn 16:33;
Heb 10:38-39; Gal 3:11; Rom 1:17; Hab 2:4)

IV. Coming to know and having faith in God

- a. How faith comes (Rom 10:17)
- b. Understanding faith as a spiritual entity (***II Cor 5:7**; I Thess 5:23)
- c. The Holy Spirit's roll in revealing God to us
 1. Indwells us (Jn 14:17; I Cor 3:16; I Cor 6:19)
 2. Reveals God to us (***I Cor 2:9-14**)

V. Prayer to pray over yourself and loved ones (*Eph 1:15-23; 3:14-21)

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Lesson TWO, January 20, 2015

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- I. **What is Faith? (*Heb 11:1-3)**
 - a. One of Three Spiritual Forces
(I Cor 13:13; Col 1:4-5; I Thess 1:3; I Thess 5:8; Gal 5:5-6)
 1. FAITH (***Heb 11:1-3**)
 2. HOPE (Rom 4:18; I Cor 9:10; Eph 1:18; Titus 2:13;
***Heb 12:1-2**; Heb 11:13; Rom 15:13)
 3. LOVE (***I Jn 4:7-8**; Gal 5:6; I Cor 13:2; Jn 3:16)
 - b. Faith is the Vehicle God Uses to Move in Our Lives
(Mt 9:28-29; Mk 6:5; Jn 10:10; Acts 10:38)
 - c. Faith Believes What God Tells Us
 1. The intelligence of God
(Isa 55:8-9; Prov 14:12; 16:25; II Cor 5:7; Rom 12:1-3; ***I Cor 1:18-27**)
 - d. Faith is a Gift to Us from God
(Rom 12:3; Rom 10:8-10; Eph 2:8-9)
 1. To be distinguished from special gift of faith given by Holy Spirit
(I Cor 12:9)
 - e. The Object of our Faith (Mat 17:19-20)

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Lesson THREE, January 27, 2015

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- I. **How does Faith Come? (*Rom 10:13-17)**
- II. **Coming to Know God**
 - a. Holy Spirit's role (Jn 16:13; *I Cor 2:9-14)
 - b. Your role (Mt 7:7-8; Heb 11:6)
- III. **Biblical Examples of Those Who Doubted**
 - a. God's ability to help them (*Mk 9:17-24)
 - b. God's willingness to help them (*Mt 8:1-3)
- IV. **God's Ability to Help Us**
 - a. Creator of Universe (Gen1:1)
 - b. Nothing is Impossible for Him (Lk 1:37; Gen 18:14; Jer 32:17, 27)
 - c. We are to come to Him with Everything (Phil 4:6)
- V. **God's Willingness to Help Us**
 - a. God's Will as revealed through Jesus
(Heb 1:1-3; Jn 14:8-9; II Cor 4:4; *Acts 10:38; Jn 10:10-11)
 - b. God Reveals Himself to us as a Loving Father (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6)
 - c. God's Promises (*II Pet 1:1-4; *II Cor 1:20)
- VI. **God's Faithfulness to What He Says**
(*Isa 55:10-11; Jer 1:12; Jn 10:35; Ps 138:2)
- VII. **A Sampling of Some of God's Promises and Provisions in Scripture**
 - a. Deliverance from Afflictions (Ps 34:19; Jn 16:33; Rom 8:28)
 - b. Forgiveness (I Jn 1:9; Heb 10:16-17, 8:12)
 1. Condition (Mt 6:14; Mk 11:26)
 - c. Confidence in Prayer (Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-24; I Jn 5:14-15)
 1. Condition (I Jn 3:22)
 - d. Assurance of His Love (Rom 8:35-39; 5:8)
 - e. Provision for our Healing and Wholeness
 1. Spiritual (Lk 4:18)
 2. Physical (Ps 103:3; Isa 53:5; I Pet 2:24; Jas 5:14-16)
 3. Mental (II Tim 1:7)
 - f. Faithfulness to us (Heb 13:5; Ps 46:1; Rom 8:1)

- g. Strength (Ps 46:1; 28:7-8; Phil 4:13; Neh 8:10)
- h. Wisdom and Guidance (Prov 3:5-6; Jas 1:5-6)
- i. Victory (I Cor 15:57)
 - 1. Over the Enemy (Lk 10:19; Col 2:15) II Cor 2:14; I Jn 4:1-4)
 - 2. Over Opposition (II Cor 2:14; Rom 8:31, 37)
 - 3. Over Fear (Heb 2:14-15; Ps 23:4; 27:1; I Jn 4:18)
 - 4. Over Circumstances (II Cor 2:14)
- j. Relief of Burdens (Mt 11:28-30)
- k. Peace (Jn 14:27; Phil 4:6-9; Isa 26:3)
- l. Comfort (II Cor 1:3-5; Jn 14:15-26; I Thess 4:13-18)
- m. Freedom (II Cor 3:17; Jn 8:31-32; Lk 4:18; Isa 61:1; Gal 5:1)
- n. Acceptance (Eph 1:6; Rom 8:1)
- o. Provision (Phil 4:19; II Pet 1:2-3)
- p. Assurance of a glorious future
(I Cor 15:26; 51-57; I Thess 4:13-18; Rev 21-22)

VIII. Resistance to our Knowing the Truth (Jn 8:44; Acts 17:6)

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Lesson FOUR, February 3, 2015

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- I. **God's Spiritual Laws Concerning Faith (*Rom 10; 13-17)**
 - a. Must *HEAR* (Rom 10:17)
 - b. Must *BELIEVE* (Rom 10:14)
 - c. Must *SPEAK* or *CALL* (Rom 10:13; II Cor 4:13; Ps 116:10; Rom 4:17)
 1. Way universe created (Gen 1: 1-31; ***Jn 1:1-3,14**; Ps 33:6)
 2. Way Jesus operated (Jn 5:19; 12:49)
 3. Way we operate (***Rom 10:8-10**)
 - (a) Power of our words (Mk 11:22-26; Mt 21:21-23; Mt 12:34-37)
 - (b) Power of life or death (Prov 18:21; Gen 11:3-9)
 - d. Must *ACT* (Jas 2:17, 26)
 1. Examples from Scripture (***Mt 9:20-22**; Heb 11:3-40)
 2. Love as the activator for our faith (***Gal 5:6**)
 - (a) Description of God's love (I Cor 13:4-13)
 - (b) Love as our motive (I Cor 13:1-3)
 - (c) Motivation for God (Jn 3:16)
 - (d) Motivation for Jesus (Mt 9:36; 14:14; Mk 1:41; 6:34; Jn 15:12-14)
 3. Operating in God's love (***I Jn 4:7-18**; Jn 14:17; Rom 5:5; Jn 7:38-39; Gal 5:22-23; ***II Cor 3:13-18**)

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Lesson FIVE, February 10, 2015

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I. Tremendous Resistance to Our Knowing The TRUTH

- a. Physical Realm (I Co 2:14; Mat 13:22; Rom 8:18-23)
- b. Mental Realm (Rom 12:2)
- c. Spiritual Realm

II. The Good Fight of FAITH (II Tim 4:7; I Tim 6:12; *Eph 6:10-18)

- a. The Nature of our Fight (*Eph 6:12; *II Co 10:3-4)
- b. Loins girt with Truth (*Eph 6:14; Jn 14:6; II Tim 2:15; Jn 8:44; Acts 17:11)
- c. Breastplate of Righteousness
(*Eph 6:14; Eph 3:17; *II Co 5:21; Is 64:6; Rev 19:8)
- d. Feet shod with preparation of the Gospel of Peace
(*Eph 6:15; Rom 10:15; Rev 3:7)
- e. Shield of Faith (*Eph 6:16; I Jn 5:4; Ps 28:7; Gen 15:1; Eph 3:17)
 1. Fiery dart of fear (Gal 5:22; *II Tim 1:7; *Rom 8:15; II Co 3:17; Phil 4: 6; *I Jn 4:18, 19; I Jn 4:4; Rom 8:37)

III. Questions for Reflection

How do you perceive God? This list is in no way complete. I hope you will think about how you see God and will add to this list over time. The prayer is for us all to know God more and more as He is.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God): for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”
(Heb 11:6)

Uncaring, Impersonal?

(I Pet 5:7; Jn 10:10-11; 27-29; Deut 31:6; Jn 3:16-17; Rom 5:8; 8:35-39)

Distant, Detached?

(Ps 34:18; 46:1; 145:18; Jas 4:8; Phil 4:5; Rom 8:15-16; Heb 4:15; Ps 24:4; Mt 11:28-30)

Expecting you to perform in order to have His approval? (Eph 2:8-9)

What kind of relationship do you have with God?

Can you trust Him? (II Thess 3:3; Rev 19:11; Prov 3:5-6; Jer 1:12; Heb 13:5; Psa 23; Lam 3:22-23; Rom 5:8)

When you pray, do you think He hears you?

(Ps 34:17; I Jn 5:14-15; Ps 116:1-2; I Jn 1:9; 4:6)

Do you think God is too busy to care about you and your small problems? (Phil 4:6; Mt 10:29-31; Lk 12:6-7)

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Lesson SIX, March 3, 2015

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I. The Good Fight of Faith - *continued* (*Eph 6:10-18)

- a. The Helmet of Salvation (*Eph 6:17; Jn 14:16-17, 16:13, 8:32; I Cor 1:18, 2:14; Col 2:8; Ro 12:2; *II Cor 10:3-5; II Tim 1:7; Deut 6: 6-8, 11:18; *Phil 4:8-9; Ps 1)
- b. The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God (*Eph 6:1; *Mat 4:1-11)
 1. Authority in the name of Jesus (*Phil 2:5-11; Mat 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-18; *Eph 1:19-23; Acts 3:1-16; Heb 13:8; Rom 2:11; Acts 10:34; Jn 12:49)
- c. Praying and Watching (*Eph 6:18;*I Pet 5:8-9)
- d. Standing (*Eph 6:11,13,14; I Cor 2:8; I Jn 5:4; Heb 6:11-12)

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Lesson SEVEN, March 10, 2015

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- I. **Importance of putting Faith into Action** (Jas 2:14-26; *Eph 2:8-10)
 - a. Examples (Heb 11:7-40)
- II. **The testing of our Faith**
 - a. Through persecution (II Tim 3:2; Jn 15:18-19; *Mt 5:10-12; Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60; II Cor 12:2-4; *Rom 8:18)
 - b. All Christians will experience testing (II Cor 11:23-33; Ps 34:19; Jn 16:33)
 - c. Reassurances from God during times of testing
 - 1. God is with us (Ps 46:1)
 - 2. Will not allow us to suffer more than we can bear (I Cor 10:13)
 - 3. Will work everything to the good (Rom 8:28)
 - d. Testing is a good thing (*I Pet 1:3-7)
 - 1. David (I Sam 30:1-19; Ps 18:1-3; Ro 8:28)
 - e. The fruits of suffering (*Ro 5:1-5; Heb 12:2; II Co 4:8-18; *Jas 1:2-4; Heb 6:12)
 - 1. Joseph (Gen 37-50)
- III. **Knowing God** (Prov 3:5; Heb 11:6)
 - a. Meditating on the Word (Ps 1; Ps 46:10; Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9)