

LEARN REALITY BY FAITH

**“..for we walk by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7**

Hebrews 11:1-4

Romans 10:8-18

Luke 7:1-9

WISDOM FOR LIVING

- **How to Walk in Truth:**
 - Learn What is Real and walk in harmony with it.
- **How to Walk by the Spirit:**
 - Learn and use spiritual factors in how you live
- **How to Walk by Faith:**
 - Learn the spiritual realities to use in life

A REVIEW

- **Reliable Truth gives Accurate Realities**
 - Unreliable truths gives False Concepts
- **Essential Qualities for a Reality are God's Purposes and Design for it.**
- **To do what is Right**, requires one to walk according to spiritual realities
 - Walking by physical things leads to sin
 - Physical things do not reveal purpose

THE EFFECT OF FAITH

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the **assurance** of *things* hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old gained approval. ³ By faith we **understand** that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel **offered** to God a better sacrifice than Cain,

WHAT IS FAITH?

- Faith is not only **trust**.
 - Faith believes/receives what is trusted
- Faith is **knowledge**, what we know
 - Faith affects (modifies) our Minds
 - Faith comprehend spiritual truth as Real
 - Faith is confessing, “I Know!”

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[2Cor.5:7]

WHAT IS GREAT FAITH?

Luke 7:¹ When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. ² And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. ³ When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

LUKE 7b

⁴ When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, “He is worthy for You to grant this to him; ⁵ for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue.” ⁶ Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;****

LUKE 7c

7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just say the word, and my servant will be healed.* ⁸ For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.” ⁹ Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, “I say to you, not even in Israel *have I found such great faith.*”

FROM WHENCE COMES FAITH?

The Source for Faith

Rom.10:8 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,⁹ 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;¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, **resulting in righteousness**, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

ROMANS 10b

¹¹ For the Scripture says, "**WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.**" ¹² For there is **no distinction** between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "**WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.**"

¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? **How will they believe** in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

ROMANS 10c

¹⁵ How will they **preach** unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

¹⁶ However, they did not all **heed** the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" ¹⁷ **So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**

¹⁸ But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;

"THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD."

FAITH IS GROWN THROUGH HEARING

In **witnessing**; Salvation is grown through sowing seeds of truth.

Christians must learn to sow truth.

In **maturing as a disciple** of Jesus; Renew Minds
“Be careful little ears, what you hear..”

Not just because “the Father up above is looking down in love.”

What you listen to, will produce knowledge in your mind.

In **service**; Expose children to God’s truth,
Encourage all to listen to God’s truth.
Remember, that those who teach have the greater judgment.

FAITH'S EFFECT ON LIFE

- Faith will produce (and **is**) a 'world-view' as foundation
 - Our understanding and reasoning will be in harmony with our basic world view.
 - The Physical world rules, or the Spiritual world **rules**.
- True Faith must be opposed to False Faith
 - Our Faith will naturally produce a life-style different than other faiths.
 - Our life-style, the way we live, reveals our faith.

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Evolution - all things are changing, absolutism is wrong

Carnality - only the physical is real and dependable.

Democracy - 'right' decision will come from the people

Capitalism - possessions are what makes for real living

Individualism - it's about me

BASIS FOR 'TRUST'

THE CONCEPT OF FAITH IS BROAD: and often not fully understood. In fact there may be the confusing of its meaning because of a narrow view.

Faith is used to indicate 'trust.'

Trust is the reason we acquire 'knowledge;' by trusting the source of truth, we come to know the reality.

So 'faith' encompasses the concept of trust, and also the concept of personal knowledge, knowing.

Trust may involve more than trusting a source, to the investing of value to another.

There is a sense of risk upon that value.

However the trust is itself faith, because it 'knows' the reality being trusted.

Shame or loss is the result of deception into 'trust/know' of a reality.