

STEPS TO MATURITY

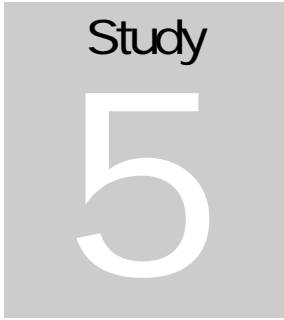
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Faith In God

From study three you will remember that the first word of the gospel is 'repent'. The second word is 'believe'.

- 1. Jesus preached in MK 1:15
"Repent and _____ the good news"

- 2. Paul preached in ACTS 20:21
"..... that they must turn to God in repentance and have _____ in our Lord Jesus"

The second foundation doctrine in HEB 6:1 is _____. (See study three)

How Vital Is It To Have Faith?

- 1. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Write out Heb 11:6

Faith is a solid foundation of the Gospel. It is married to repentance. You can not truly repent without faith in God and it is impossible to have faith in God without repentance – we can not have one without the other.

- 2. Read GAL 3:11, ROM 1:17, HAB 2:4, HEB 10:38 and 2 COR 5:7.

How should a Christian live?

- 3. Faith in God is a powerful thing. Read MK 9:14-29 especially verse 23 and fill in the following –

Everything is possible to him who _____.

What Is Faith?

In HEB 11:1 the Bible gives us a definition of what true faith is.

“Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality – faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.”

Faith is the noun (naming word). Believe is the verb (doing word).

1. Read ROM 10:9 & 10 and circle the correct statement below –

We believe and have faith with our heart.

We believe and have faith with our emotions.

We believe and have faith with our mind.

Where Does Faith Come From?

1. Faith comes when we hear messages through the word of God. The *King James Version* translates ROM 10:17 as follows –

“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God”.

2. We are all given an amount of faith by God.

ROM 12:3 “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of _____ in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you”.

The Bible likens this deposit of faith to a seed in the ground. When a farmer plants a seed it does not grow instantly. Only after it receives light from the sun, water and nutrients it will begin to sprout and grow. Similarly, our seed of faith, when watered by God’s word will begin to grow.

3. We all have different levels of faith. Read the following scriptures and fill in the spaces

MT 6:30 _____ faith

MT 8:10 _____ faith

JAS 2:22 _____ faith

How to Build and Release Your Faith

1. What do you need to do if you want to get faith? _____ ROM 10:1-17

Faith will grow as you read the Bible, studying and meditating on the Scriptures. God can also talk to us. He is often heard as a ‘still small voice’. Faith will also be built in your life as you hear Bible-based preaching in your local church.

2. Heb 11 talks about the great men and women in the Bible who had great faith. They are called our 'heroes of faith'. Faith in the Scriptures is based on a condition of the heart, not the mind. Faith operates in the present and brings change and direction to the future.

HEB 11:1 "Now _____ is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

3. Write out HEB 12:2

Jesus helps us develop our faith.

4. If we do not put actions to our faith, the Bible says our faith is dead.

Write out JAS 2:17

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MK 11:20-25. Read these scriptures and study them carefully. You will see that speaking/confessing it always precedes receiving it!