

# FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

## **PART 2: FAITH TOWARD GOD**

*Hebrews 6:1 "So come on, let's leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on "salvation by self-help" and turning in trust toward God;" MSG*

### **What is faith?**

*Hebrews 11:1 "To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see." GNB*

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### **Seeing is believing?**

Absolutely not! This is the opposite of faith. Faith is trusting God, who we cannot see, for what we have not seen yet!

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### **Where does faith come from?**

*Romans 10:17 "Then faith is of hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." MKJV*

### **Do we need to have faith?**

*Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." MKJV*

So we need faith if we want to please God.

*Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God," MKJV*

So, salvation is a free gift and cannot be earned.

*James 2:20 "But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" MKJV*

Faith that does not produce good works is useless as far as salvation is concerned.

### **Does it matter what I believe?**

*James 2:19 "You surely believe there is only one God. That's fine. Even demons believe this, and it makes them shake with fear." CEV*

Even the demons believe that there is only one God, this however does not get them saved. We believe, put our trust in God, not only believing that He exists, but choosing to believe IN Him.

**For example:**

**Jesus** – the Son of God (Matthew 16:16), His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23), lived on earth, died for our sins (Romans 3:25), sits at the right hand side of God (Hebrews 12:2).

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and we place our trust in Him. This motivates how we live our lives, how we talk, what we do and how we do it.



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