

## Hebrews 11:6

**But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and *that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.***

Faith, what is faith and why is it so important to God? One of the clearest definitions I know of faith, is a few verses prior to **Hebrew 11:6**, and that is found in verse **1**, **Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.** Faith is a supernatural gift from heaven, which we need in order to succeed in what God has promised. Whether that promise is in His word, or one that He may have spoken personally to you; faith is the key in which we align ourselves into the plans and promises of God. If anyone ever tries to do this through logic or any other means of carnal reasoning, they will fall short. Faith is like an unknown language that once you have learned it, all of the information begins to make sense. It is also much more, it is the empowerment behind what we believe. The only place you can get faith is from heaven! No where else can it be attained or acquired. Its sole purpose is for us to tap into what the Spirit of God is doing in our lives and all around us.

One of the best understandings of faith that I am aware of, is that faith is what we grab hold of, when we don't understand the outcome for what we are believing or have been promised. Faith is when we surrender to our understanding and trust God for who He is and what He has said. The opposite of faith is fear; fear is just as deadly to a person as faith is, full of life! When anyone chooses to look at anything in this life through eyes of fear, they are removing God from the equation. Consider with me **I John 4:18, there is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.** What is perfect love? God! Either fear or love will dominate in your life. The fruit of the winner will bring you faith or unbelief. Actually we decide which one will ultimately have control. If you choose to place your trust in yourself, in intellect, or in humanism; then ultimately you will live a life of unbelief towards God and His Word, resulting in a life of fear. If you place your trust in God and His Word, then faith will not only take root, but you will succeed in all of the promises which your Heavenly Father has made to you. That is not to say that everything will end up as you understand or want, but it does mean that the Lord has been given permission by you to do as He pleases and wills in your life. Dear friend, what is more important than our Lord having His will fulfill in each of our lives?

If you say that you love God, and that the most important thing to you is to please Him, then fear has no place in your life. I know that many people go to church simply for the sociological impact that the church has in their life. I'm not talking to them. I'm talking to you sons and daughters of the Most High God, who daily are seeking to love Him and honor Him. Dear friend if your faith is lacking, then I exhort you to do as the father of the sick child in **Mark 9:24**, when Jesus asked him if he believed. **"Immediately the boy's father cried out and began saying, "I do believe; help my unbelief."** The Holy Spirit is willing and able to provide you with the full measure of faith that each of us needs to face whatever this life throws our way!