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What Is Faith?

Not Blind Faith



Believing in God is not about a 'blind faith'. It is a faith based on facts. Jesus existed and there is overwhelming evidence. It is not just the Bible that talks about Jesus. Jewish and Roman historians said … "There was at that time Jesus, a wise man, if indeed we should call him a man."

Another historian reported … "Christ suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of Pontius Pilate." and after Jesus raised from the dead … 550 plus people saw Jesus on 11 different occasions over a six week period.

What is Faith? Faith is trusting in God. It is confidence in Him as a well know Friend. It grows out of a close relationship with Him in which you will know that He cares for you and only desires your best good. The more you know Him, the more you will trust Him.

Faith is taking the things that God has said and daring to believe them.

God wants us to be sure of our friendship with Him. He gives us faith to believe in Him.

1. What is faith? Hebrews 11:1

The Bible answers: _____

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Faith is trust or believe. Faith is based on substance or evidence of our belief.

2. What kind of relationship is Jesus seeking with us? Mark 11:22-23

The Bible answers: _____

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Jesus invites us to enter into a relationship of trust with our loving heavenly Father.

3. Is it possible to please God without faith? Hebrews 11:6

The Bible answers: _____

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Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is an essential ingredient to build a relationship with a creator God.

13. What is the benefit of having faith in God? Romans 5:1-2

The Bible answers: _____

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In this world many are searching for inner peace, happiness (joy) and hope. By having faith we have inner peace, happiness and hope because it is based on a relationship with God.

MY DECISION

❑ *I would like to open my heart to develop my faith in Jesus and have the peace that He can give.*

11. Besides studying the Bible, how can we develop our faith? Mark 11:24

The Bible answers: _____

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There is a condition to this promise – that we pray according to the **will of God**. It is God's will to cleanse us from sin, to give us a new life and to empower us to live an abundant life.

Faith is not believing God will do whatever we want. Like Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:39), we ought to pray and seek what God wants for us. He has the best plans for us.

12. Can we have the absolute confidence as we sincerely seek God's will by faith that He will reveal it? 1 John 5:14

The Bible answers: _____

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We can have a life of constant faith or trust in a loving God who knows best and will always treat us in ways that are for our ultimate good.

4. What has God given everyone? Romans 12:3

The Bible answers: _____

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Even a little faith links us with God's marvelous working power. In Luke 17:5,6 the Bible says that you can increase your faith.

5. How do we have faith and increase our faith? Romans 10:17

The Bible answers: _____

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Reading the examples of people with faith in the Bible increases our faith. Understanding **God's promises** in the Bible increases our faith.

Remember our belief does not rely on feelings, which can change! But on the power of Jesus who is reliable and never changes.

Look at the promises that Jesus makes:

"I will come in" to your life when you ask – Revelation 3:20

"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20

"I give them eternal life … no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand" – John 10:28-29

6. How can we benefit from reading and studying the Bible? Hebrews 4:2

The Bible answers: _____

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To receive the benefits from reading the Bible, it must be personally applied by faith. Place yourself in every story. Believe God will accomplish miraculous changes in your life as you read His word. Faith grows as we experience it.

7. In the example of Jesus healing a paralytic for thirty-eight years, how quickly did he acted on his belief after hearing Jesus' words? John 5:8-9

The Bible answers: _____

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The poor paralytic sufferer was helpless; he had not used his limbs for thirty-eight years. Yet, Jesus asked him to "Rise, take up your bed, and walk."

The sick man might have said, "Lord, if You will heal me first, then I will obey Your word." But, no, he believed in Jesus' words, believed that he was healed and made the effort at once; he **willed** to walk, and he did walk.

He acted on Jesus words and God gave the power. He was made whole. In the same way, we cannot change our own hearts. But God promises to do all this for you through Jesus. We need to **believe** that promise of God.

8. Can we expect our faith in God to grow through a study of God's words, the Bible? 2 Peter 1:3-4

The Bible answers: _____

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God has given us exceedingly great and precious promises (His words) that we through these words can be changed.

9. How are we to live each day? Romans 1:17

The Bible answers: _____

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To live by faith means a daily, constant trusting relationship with Jesus. Step by step, Jesus will reveal to us God's way.

10. Who should be our example to increase our faith? Hebrews 12:2

The Bible answers: _____

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Looking to Jesus or trusting in Jesus, we receive faith from Jesus and our faith will grow with Him.

Every time we read the Bible we are to look at Jesus' faith and character. We are to have the same faith and character.