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Mark 11:22

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. NKJV

Faith is both simple and complex.

The closest thing to a biblical definition of faith is Heb. 11:1.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. NKJV

THERE ARE SIX DIFFERENT USES OF THE TERM FAITH IN SCRIPTURES:

1. DOCTRINAL FAITH
2. SAVING FAITH
3. JUSTIFYING FAITH
4. INDWELLING FAITH
5. DAILY FAITH
6. THE GIFT OF FAITH

DOCTRINAL FAITH

“The Faith”

1 Tim. 4:1, “Depart from the faith”

1 Tim. 5:8, “Denied the faith”

2 Tim. 4:8, “I have kept the faith”

(If you want to have great faith, have a little faith in a Great God. This is called Biblical Faith. The more we know of the Bible, the more faith we can have).

SAVING FAITH

A person becomes a Christian by faith.

Eph. 2:8, “For by grace are you saved through faith....”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Acts 1:31, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

Saving faith is not just a HEAD knowledge of facts but it must also be a response from the HEART.

JUSTIFYING FAITH

God declares the believing sinner to be righteous.

Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Gen. 15:6, “And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

INDWELLING FAITH

This is the secret to a victorious Christian life.

1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.”

Gal. 2:16, “knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

Rom. 10:17, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

DAILY FAITH

Living a sanctified life

2 Cor. 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

1 Peter 2:2, “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”

1 John 5:14-15, 14 - Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

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THE GIFT OF FAITH

A supernatural ability to serve and trust God.

Rom. 12:6-8,

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Cor. 12:7-9,

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,