

## The Fruit of the Spirit: Faith

### Part 1 of 2 - The Gift of Faith

Faith is a foundational aspect of the Christian life. Hebrews 11:1 defines it as “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” This faith is not just belief but trust in God’s promises, even when we cannot see the outcome.

Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Faith is a gift from God, and it is through faith that we receive His grace and salvation. This means that our faith is not something we earn or even achieve, but a gift from God’s own hand, meant to lead us into a relationship with Him.

As we grow in faith, we must remember that it is not about the strength of our belief, but the strength of the One we believe in. Trusting in God’s promises, let us walk by faith and not by sight, knowing that He is faithful to fulfill His word. Faith draws us closer to His presence, teaching us to lean into His guidance in every circumstance.

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### Part 2 of 2 - Faith in Action

James 2:17 tells us, “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.” True faith is not just belief but action. It compels us to live out our trust in God through our deeds, demonstrating the reality of our faith to the world. A faith that is vibrant and alive moves us to serve, to love, and to obey God, showing others that we are deeply rooted in the promises of His Word.

In Hebrews 11, the “Hall of Faith,” we see examples of men and women whose faith was demonstrated through their actions. Abraham obeyed God, even when it meant leaving his home and offering his son. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, trusting in God’s promise. Their faith was made evident by their obedience. These acts of obedience were not easy, they required courage and a firm conviction in the God who had called them, reminding us that faith often requires us to step into the unknown.

As we reflect on our own lives, consider how our faith is being put into action. Are we living in a way that demonstrates our trust in God? Let our faith be more than words; let it be a powerful testimony of God’s work in our lives. In every choice and action, may our faith show the world the strength, compassion, and grace of our Savior.

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Faith is the essence of things we await,  
A trust in the promise of God's perfect plan.  
Not built by our strength, but a gift of His grace,  
It anchors our souls in the work of His hand.  
Through trials and storms, His Word is our stay,  
By faith we draw nearer, each step of the way.

Yet faith without action is empty and cold,  
A light left unlit, no warmth to impart.  
Like Abraham's steps to a land unknown,  
Or Moses who trusted the sea would part.  
Our deeds make it living, a flame burning bright,  
Proclaiming His love through the dark of the night.