Faith

Faith is the absolute certainty in our heart, that what we are hoping for, is there, waiting for us. 

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

To be saved, we need to use God’s faith. This is given to us as a free gift when we hear the gospel. Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Whether we use it or not is our choice.

God deposits in every Christian’s spirit exactly the same amount of faith – ‘the measure of faith’ – when we are saved. Romans 12:3 ... God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Christians tend to use different amounts of that faith. It’s as if God has given us each a bank account of 100,000,000 units of faith and some Christians use 10 units, some 50,000 and some 250,000. We grow in faith as we learn to draw bigger cheques on our ‘faith’ bank account!

It doesn’t matter how hard we try, we can’t please God unless we have faith in him. 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.

God expects us to live by faith – not just visit it once in a while! Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
A tiny amount of faith will move a mountain, Matthew 17:20... for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. – but only if it isn’t counterbalanced by unbelief. Prayer and fasting will overcome the unbelief which comes, when what our senses tell us, contradicts the Word of God. Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. The Truth of the Word will drive out unbelief due to lack of knowledge or wrong doctrine.

Faith is the method we access everything God has provided by grace and the means by which we obtain the promises of God. It’s the bridge by which we bring God’s promises out of the supernatural realm and into the physical world.

There is a special gift which God gives to help us when we haven’t learned to use enough faith for the situation we are in. This is ‘the gift of faith.’ 1 Corinthians 12:9 ... To another faith by the same Spirit; When we are only able to use a little faith, this gift acts as a ‘top up.’

Faith without works is dead! James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Faith is useless if you don’t act on it – So what are you waiting for!