

**WHAT IS HAPPENING TO MY FAITH**

Hebrews 11:1-6

## INTRODUCTION

- A. Every Christian Has Faith.
  - 1. Knows he needs faith.
  - 2. Wants to have faith.
  - 3. Does not want to lose his faith.
  - 4. Makes claims to faith.
- B. Faith is precious! 2 PE 1:1. Faith is something we share with others. 2 PE 1:1
- C. Do you ever see things in your life – makes you wonder – what’s happening to my faith? Do you ever surprise self, “what’s happening to my faith?”

## DISCUSSION

- I. FAITH IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.
  - A. Pleasing God – HE 11:6.
  - B. Live by faith – HA 2:4; HE 10:38-39.
  - C. Walk by faith. 2 CO 5:17.
  - D. Actions and obedience – outgrowth of faith.
    - 1. Prayer – JA 5:15.
    - 2. Forgive – LK 17:1-6.
    - 3. Any obedience – HE 11.
  - E. Foundation of our hope – HE 11:1.
- II. FAITH CAN CHANGE.
  - A. Various forms of faith.
    - 1. Weak – RO 4:19.
    - 2. Strong – RO 4:20; Acts 16:5.
    - 3. Little – MT 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8.
    - 4. Great – MT 8:10.
    - 5. Therefore: This means one could have faith and not be right!
  - B. What can happen?
    - 1. Fail – LK 22:32.
    - 2. Deny it – 1 TI 5:8.
    - 3. Depart from it – 1 TI 4:1.
    - 4. Shipwreck – 1 TI 1:19.
    - 5. Stray – 1 TI 6:10, 21.
    - 6. Overthrow – 2 TI 2:18.
    - 7. Cast off – 1 TI 5:11-12.
    - 8. Become unbelievers – HE 3:12.
  - C. What could happen?
    - 1. Grow – 1 TH 1:3.
    - 2. Increase – LK 17:5.
    - 3. Strengthened – CO 1:11; EP 3:16.
- III. WHAT HAPPENED?
  - A. Taken for granted.
    - 1. Ignore warnings – losing.
    - 2. Assume – stay same.
    - 3. Think: “Never happen to men.”
  - B. Neglect.
    - 1. Faith to feed it – CO 1:9-11.

2. Fail to add to it – 2 PE 1:5ff.
3. Fail to exercise – LK 17:5-10.
4. Faith to check it – 2 CO 13:5.

#### CONCLUSION

- A. Checking our faith!
  1. Do you believe what you have always believed?
  2. Do you feel that your faith is stronger now?
  3. Do you tolerate things that you didn't before?
  4. Are not as bothered by wrong (sin) used to be?
  5. Are you bored with Bible study?
  6. Are some acts harder to do now?
  7. Does "saturated" or "damp" describe your faith?
  8. Has your appetite changed?
- B. RO 10:17.
  1. Do you have enough faith that you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
  2. Do you have enough faith that you will repent of your sins?
  3. Do you have enough faith that you will confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God?
  4. Do you have enough faith to be immersed for the remission of your sins?
- C. As a Christian:
  1. Does your faith please God?
  2. Do you live by faith?
  3. Do you walk by faith?
  4. Do your actions and obedience show your faith?
  5. Do you know by your faith (hope) that heaven is your home?
  6. How would you describe your faith: Weak? Strong? Little? Great?
  7. What happened to your faith? Failed? Denied it? Departed from it? Shipwrecked? Strayed? Overthrown? Cast oft? Became an unbeliever?
- D. As a Christian our faith is to grow, increase, and be strengthened.