

Foundation Building Blocks

FBB1-5-3-02 Principles of the Doctrine of Christ - Faith Toward God

Believe: (Greek 4100 - as used in *John 3:15*) **to have faith** (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to **entrust** (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ):
--**believe(-r), commit** (to trust), **put in trust with**.

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Faith: (Greek 4102 - as used in *Galatians 3:22*) **persuasion**, i.e. credence; **moral conviction** (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially **reliance upon Christ for salvation**; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:--**assurance**, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the **foundation of repentance from dead works**, and of **faith toward God**,

Faith may be addressed (and lived) in five major areas: (The Tenets of Faith)

- The Word of God; *Faith's Foundation*
- The Blood of Christ; *Faith's Redemption*
- The Name of Jesus, *Faith's Redeemer*
- The Holy Ghost; *Faith's Empowerment*
- The Conscience; *Faith's Fellowship with God*
- Obedience to God and His Word. *Faith's Fulfillment in Man*

There is a difference between knowing of Jesus and believing in him. When a person knows that their sin will subject them to the wrath of God, they are then convicted to seek eternal life and escape this wrath. Then they come to know that there is salvation from God's wrath through His Son Jesus Christ. They believe that the sacrifice of God's Son will take away sin's sentence from them. They then commit and trust their souls to Jesus Christ and the sacrifice he made to grant them eternal life.

Faith's Foundation:

The Word of God is the basis of Christian life. It establishes foundations: of history, living and of faith towards God. The scripture explains the origin of life and of the heavens and the earth. There are many examples throughout the scripture of people that God counted as righteous and of those God did not. Most of all, the scriptures make us wise unto salvation.



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2 Timothy 3:14-17 But continue thou in the things **which thou hast learned and hast been assured of**, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the **holy scriptures**, which are able to **make thee wise unto salvation** through **faith** which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for **doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction in righteousness**: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly furnished** unto all good works.

The Word of God provides the faithful with understanding of God's ways and the ways of mankind. Jesus taught in parables to give understanding to those that have faith in God. One such parable-teaching of Christ, the Seed Sower, gives understanding of the importance of being faithful to God and to His Word.

Luke 8:5-15 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. 8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. 11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God**. 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away **the word out of their hearts**, lest they should **believe** and be saved. 13 -- They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, **which for a while believe**, and in time of temptation **fall away**. 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this *life*, and **bring no fruit to perfection**. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an **honest and good heart**, having heard the word, **keep it**, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Hebrews 5:12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the **word of righteousness**: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their **senses exercised to discern both good and evil**.

Faith's Redemption:

The Blood of Christ becomes the propitiation (appeasement) to God for the curse of sin. The scripture concludes all under sin. The remedy for sin is the sacrifice of Christ. A person applies this blood of Christ, through faith, into their lives through their baptism into Christ. Christ's death on the cross (where he shed this blood), His burial and resurrection, become personal into a person's life when their belief & faith place them into submission and obedience to God's Word. A person thereby becomes completely reliant upon Christ (His life and sacrifice) for their soul's salvation.



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Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is **by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through **faith in his blood**, to declare his **righteousness** for the **remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**.

Ephesians 2:12-22 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the **middle wall of partition between us**; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so **making peace**; 16 And that he might **reconcile** both unto God in one body **by the cross**, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For **through him** we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God** through the Spirit.

Faith's Redeemer:

There is only one name that can bring salvation to a person; the name of Jesus. Whose blood, death, burial and resurrection does a person put on at their baptism? His name is Jesus! The Father was not buried in the tomb; the Holy Spirit was never dead to have been risen from the dead. A person's faith, in everything a person lives and does in their life as a Christian, must be in the name of the Christ Jesus - our Savior and Messiah.

Colossian 3:15-17 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Acts 3:12-21 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 **And his name through faith in his name** hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things, which God before had



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shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 **And he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, **that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Faith's Empowerment

It is the Spirit of God that gives light and understanding to the scriptures that Christians dedicate their lives to sharing. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God that moves on, and through, mankind to be a witness of His power and testimony. With the Spirit of God empowering the Christian, they are commissioned to teach and preach the faith and doctrine of Christ Jesus.

John 12:44-50 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 **I am come a light into the world**, that whosoever **believeth on me should not abide in darkness.** 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that **his commandment is life everlasting**: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

John 14:15-18 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him**; for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you.** 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Luke 24:44-49 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then **opened he their understanding**, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that **repentance and**



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remission of sins should be preached in **his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And **ye are witnesses** of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power** from on high.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall **be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye **therefore**, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching** them to **observe all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jude 20-21 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your **most holy faith**, praying in the **Holy Ghost**, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Faith's Fellowship with God:

As the creation of God (made in His image and likeness), mankind has a built-in place where God's Spirit interacts with them. It is in the conscience of a person that the Holy Spirit unites the judgement of scripture with their mind and soul. This is home to a living faith that drives a person to live a holy and meaningful life in Christ and where the Christian has fellowship with God.

Acts 24:15-16 And have **hope toward God**, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always **a conscience void of offence toward God**, and toward men.

Romans 9:1-5 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my **conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost**, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow **in my heart**. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; 5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the **testimony of our conscience**, that in **simplicity** and **godly sincerity**, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:



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Titus 1:15-16 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but **even their mind and conscience is defiled**. 16 They profess that they know God; but **in works they deny him**, being abominable, and **disobedient**, and unto every good work **reprobate**.

1 Peter 3:20-22 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but **the answer of a good conscience toward God**;) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Faith's Fulfillment in Man

To maintain a good conscience towards God, a person needs to be obedient to Him and His convictions. Faith is made perfect by acting in a righteous way to Godly convictions. Faithfulness, is a conscience that always is open to God's convictions and directions, a heart that is obedient to His Word in righteousness, and ever a good witness of God's Spirit and Word.

Romans 6:12-19 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, **that ye should obey it** in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to **whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death, or of **obedience unto righteousness**? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members **servants to righteousness unto holiness**.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself **against the knowledge of God**, and bringing **into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when **your obedience is fulfilled**.

James 2:21-24 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was **faith made perfect**? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for **righteousness**: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and **not by faith only**. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out



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another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead also.**

Galatians 5:7-10 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not **obey the truth?** 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none **otherwise minded:** but he that troubleth you **shall bear his judgment,** whosoever he be.

2 Thessalonians 1:-12 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In **flaming fire taking vengeance** on them that know not God, **and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:** 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe **(because our testimony among you was believed)** in that day. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you **worthy of this calling,** and **fulfil** all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the **work of faith with power:** 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 5:9 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of **eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;**

Romans 16:25-27 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for **the obedience of faith:** 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Faith toward God is the responsibility of the Christian; Jesus has already proven himself faithful in all things. Through Christ, the faithful believer has the established promise of complete victory. There is no trial, battle or situation, that God cannot deliver a believer through. It is the privilege of every person that is redeemed from the death of sin, to be a witness and a testimony of God's redeeming grace.



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Question 1

As defined, if we believe in a person, we will also put our trust in them.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

As defined, faith may also include:

The lust of the eyes.

Assurance in Christ.

Moral conviction.

Reliance upon Christ for salvation.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in 2 Timothy 3:14-17, the foundation of faith towards God will lead us to:

Trusting in our flesh.

Doctrines of devils.

Salvation.

Unrighteous works.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 4

As described in Luke 8:5-15, what might prevent a seed from bearing good fruit?

Temptation.

Pleasures of this life.

Having patience.

The devil.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

As described in Hebrews 5:12-14, we must exercise our faith to discern between both good and evil.

True

False

True/False



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Question 6

As described in Romans 3:22-26, by faith in the blood shed on the cross, we now have been given redemption through Jesus Christ.

True

False

True/False

Question 7

As described in Ephesians 2:12-22, Jesus Christ has broken down the middle wall of partition granting us:

A habitation.

Condemnation.

Reconciliation.

Peace.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 8

As described in Colossians 3:15-17, to be redeemed by faith, we do not always need to use the name of Jesus Christ.

True

False

True/False

Question 9

As described in Acts 4:8-12, the name of Jesus Christ is the only name we can use for salvation.

True

False

True/False

Question 10

As described in John 12:44-50, Jesus Christ has empowered us by faith to be a light to the world.

True

False

True/False



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Question 11

As described in Acts 1:8, we are witnesses of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Ghost.

True

False

True/False

Question 12

As described in Jude 20-21, what must we do while waiting for eternal life?

Pray in the Holy Ghost.

Be faithful.

Worship idols.

Keep ourselves in the love of God.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 13

As described in Acts 24:15-16, if I have a hope toward God, my conscience will be void of offence toward God.

True

False

True/False

Question 14

As described in Titus 1:15-16, if our conscience is defiled, we will:

Be faithful to God.

Be disobedient.

Be reprobate.

Deny God in our works.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 15

As described in Romans 6:12-19, to maintain a good conscience towards God, we must:

Realize that we can never fall from grace.

Be servants of the flesh.

Obey from the heart sound doctrine.

Be instruments of unrighteousness.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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Question 16

As described in James 2:21-24, we must be obedient to God's word to maintain good works.

True

False

True/False

Question 17

As described in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-12, God will not take vengeance on those who:

Are disobedient to God's word.

Keep their calling in God.

Have a powerful testimony.

Have faith with power.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 18

As described in 2 Timothy 3:14-17, for a sound foundation in faith we must:

Have instruction in righteousness.

Be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Take council from familiar spirits.

Know sound doctrine.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)