

Armed For War – Lesson 7

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,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

The Six Foundational Doctrines of Christ:

- 1. Repentance from Dead Works**
- 2. Faith Toward God**
- 3. Doctrine of Baptisms**
- 4. Laying on of Hands**
- 5. Resurrection of the Dead**
- 6. Eternal Judgment**

Faith Toward God

Ephesians 2

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Faith is not a natural life force. It is not inherent in fallen man.

Romans 12

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Brethren mean he is speaking to the Church. God has dealt to each of the *brethren* a measure of faith. Faith is not something that everyone has. It is a gift of God.

Hebrews 11

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

Faith is substance (or tangible). Evidence refers to the legal document that proves ownership. In other words, **substantive proof that you own what you hope for.**

Romans 10

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is from God. It has to come by the Word of God. There are three Greek words translated as “word”.

Logos: substance, thought or essence (John 1:1)

Graphe: written word

Rhema: spoken word, utterance (This scripture uses Rhema.)

God injects faith into what He speaks. It is not contingent upon our ability to believe. His promises are “yea and amen”. The faith of its truth is given by God, not by us. The word used for “hearing” means to hear and understand. The implication is to obey.

Matthew 8

5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Why did Jesus call this “Great faith”?

1. The soldier humbled himself (as a Roman to a Jew)
2. He did not want Jesus to come under his roof (authority recognized)
3. He understood Jesus was under Spiritual authority (Not his human will)
4. God was the source of the power.

Faith is an authority issue!

Faith is not an emotional state and a mental consent. It is being under the authority and in the will of God. No matter how much we believe a thing to be possible, if we are not within the parameters that God has established, it will not come to pass. Many believe they are destined for eternal life but are outside the biblical instructions on how to obtain it. The Scripture says they will not experience life even though they believe it is their destiny.

Matthew 7

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Faith: fidelity or loyalty to authority

If we *yield* to God’s Word and its authority, allowing only for His understanding of things to prevail, we exercise faith. Faith can be further defined as the power and ability to obey God. Our sickness, our poverty, our emotions....we cannot earn His favor. We must yield to God’s Word.

When we hear from God and do what He says, that is FAITH!