

WHAT IS FAITH?
(John 14:12)
Experiencing God Unit 7 Days 2-5

FAITH IS NOT ACTING F _____

● Faith sounds foolish to the w _____ (I Cor 2:18)

1. The world would rather think that salvation comes by each person's own w _____ rather than by Christ's work.
2. However, faith is NOT the same as WHATEVER is foolish to the world.

● *The one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also.*

1. What works did Christ do? (list three)

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

2. Have you done any of the above? _____

a. Some state that only if we have faith like a m _____ seed can we do these things.

b. The exact phrase *the one who believes in*, is used 13 times in the Greek New Testament and ALL of them are in J _____ or 1 John (Jn 3:16,18,36; 5:24; 6:35,40; 7:38; 11:25,26; 12:44,46; 14:12; 1 Jn 5:10). – every time it refers to e _____ believer, regardless of the amount of faith they might have.

● Therefore, Jesus statement applies to you who have trusted Him to be your God and Savior. So go ahead and put your name in Jesus statement. *The works that I do, _____ will do.*

FAITH IS NOT THINKING P _____

● There is an e _____ of positive thinking in faith

1. Heb 11:1 defines faith as the a _____ of the things hoped for and the conviction of things unseen.

a. This faith chapter demonstrates various people believing God without any d _____ (e.g. Abraham and the promised land being given to his descendants).

b. However, lack of doubt does not equal faith.

2. James 1:6 states that the believer who asks God for w _____ in dealing with trials must ask in faith without any doubting. Faith requires lack of doubt, but lack of doubt does not equal faith.

3. Heb 11:1 tells us that faith is the ASSURANCE of the things hoped for. What is hoped for in this chapter?

a. Hope is not a w _____

b. What is hoped for are what God has p _____

1) Preservation of Noah's family through the a _____

2) Abraham's inheritance of an unknown l _____

- 3) Sarah bearing a son in her o_____ age (God is reliable!)
4. Heb 11:1 tells us that faith is the CONVICTION of things unseen.
 - a. The word conviction is translated as e_____ by some translations (e.g. KJV). I think it is the better translation.
 - b. Faith is based on s_____ evidence (e.g. Our belief in a Creator – Rom 1:20).

●Therefore, faith is not based on what I think but on what God says who provided evidence that what He says is trustworthy.

FAITH IS D_____ COMPLETELY ON GOD

●Jesus said in Jn 14:12: the works that He does, the believer will do also. Are you doing the works that Christ does?

1. Notice that Jesus did NOT say that we will do the works He HAS DONE (past tense) but that He DOES (present tense) or the works that He p_____
2. What are the works that Jesus practices? (verse 10) – only what the F_____ does (The works that Jesus did were not His own but the works of the Father working those works in Him)
3. Therefore, the works that we believers do are to be the works Jesus does through us, for without Him we can do n_____ (Jn 15:5)

●Jesus promised in Jn 14:12 that believers will do GREATER works than these because He is going to the Father.

1. What works did Jesus work through the disciples? (h_____, casting out demons, telling people that the kingdom of God was near – Lk 10:9,16).
2. When will GREATER works be done? – A_____ Jesus goes to the Father.
 - a. Jesus went to the Father in order to send the S_____ (Jn 15:26; 16:7)
 - b. What Jesus accomplished through believers while He was on earth was GREAT, but what He would accomplish through believers while He's in heaven will be GREATER. Jesus already told them what the greater works would be – s_____ (Jn 5:20-24).
3. The greatest work that can be done through us is using us to bring salvation to the lost.

Interpretive paraphrase: *Every believer will do the works of Christ as Christ works through them. And every believer will do the greater works of Christ because the Holy Spirit works through them. Faith is depending on Christ to work through you, for without Him you can do nothing! If He invites you, join Him in faith and watch Him work!*