

Faith Acts on God's Word

God created your nose, but God didn't create your nose to hear. He created your ears to do the hearing. And just like your physical body has ears, your spirit man has ears to hear God's Word. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. So, you may be an intellectual person who's read *'all the books in the world.'* You may think the Bible is *'just another book,'* or you may think it's someone's opinion, or that just some person wrote the Bible, or many people wrote the Bible, or you may have some other misconception about the Word of God.

But the reason this is God's Word is that He spoke it into existence. And if the Bible is God's Word, God will do exactly what He said He would do in His Word. All you have to do is mix faith with it. Hebrews 4:2 says, **For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

The Word being preached didn't profit them. Why? Because they didn't act on it. If we believe the Bible is God's Word, then we'll begin to act on it. It takes a step of faith to believe. God is going to ask you to believe that He exists when you can't see Him, when you can't feel Him, and when you can't contact Him with your physical senses. He's going to require you, and all of us, to believe that He exists. Hebrews 11:6 says, **...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is...** We are required to believe that God exists, and that God is God.

It's Your Choice... Go by the Word

God gave you His written Word, and He raised up preachers and people to testify about Who Jesus is. You have a choice. You can say, *'I believe that way,'* or you can say, *'I don't believe that way.'* It's your choice. It's like Deuteronomy 30:19 says: **I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:**

Base Everything on God's Written Word

There are a lot of religious ideas and opinions in the world, on TV and the internet, but it's what you believe that's going to determine where you're going to go. That's why it's important that you build your faith on God's Word. Any time anyone says anything about God, the first thing you want to think is, *'What does God's Word say about this?'* You want people to be able to show you from the Word of God if what they're saying is true.

The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is God's Word, but you're under a new covenant. The New Testament (the epistle letters) is God speaking to the Church - the body of Christ. In the Old Testament, He was God to the children of Israel. Under the New Covenant, Who is He? He is not only God, but our Father God. When you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior,

the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in you, and He's there to lead you and guide you into all truth. Jesus said when the Holy Spirit comes, He'll reveal all truth unto you (John 16:13). **And He will, through God's Word.**

As a born-again child of God, you only want to hear the Word and get into the Word. The first thing I wanted to do was buy a Bible. 1 Peter 2:2 says, **As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:** I asked some people in the church I got saved in where I could get a Bible. They said to go to the Christian bookstore. At that time, I hadn't even heard of a Christian bookstore! So, I went and bought a Bible, as well as a New Testament on cassette tape. That was my first step of coming in contact with God's Word.

Romans 10:17 says, **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** It's important that you keep on hearing the Word of God. You may have to drive a little distance to hear the Word, but God will meet the need, and He'll bless you back. It's so important that you keep hearing the Word, and that you keep taking the Word of God and putting it in action in your life.

...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Why is that important? It's important because Jesus made statements like, According to your faith be it unto you. Matthew 9:29. And, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole... Mark 5:34

...great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. Luke 5:15

And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases. Luke 6:17

We can see how the people who came to Jesus got results - the first thing they did was *they came to hear*. People came to hear the Word of God. They came to hear Jesus preach, and if they acted on that Word, they could receive results.

Jesus' ministry still goes on today through people God anointed to preach the Word. If people will come to hear the Word, they can receive healing.

Do all you can every day to get into God's Word and build your spirit man up on God's Word. Doing this is the best investment you can personally make, though it takes a lot of effort. God has given you and me the responsibility to receive from Him, and He's provided us with the way we can do it...

He's already purchased the blessings. According to the Word, we're healed: **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24**

According to the Word, we're delivered: **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: Colossians 1:13**

2 Corinthians 8:9 says we've been delivered from poverty: **For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**

Galatians 3:13 lets us know that we've been redeemed from the curse: **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

We've been redeemed, we've been delivered, we've been set free, and we've been healed. When you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, all these benefits belong to you by being a child of God!

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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