ULaity Missionary Baptist Church, Incorporated's Bible Study Class
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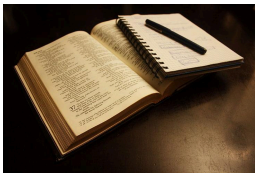

Topic: <u>Faith in the Triune God</u>
(the LORD God Almighty, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit)

<u>Opening Scriptures</u>:

<u>Psalm 104:24-25:</u> O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—this great and wide sea, in which are innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great.

<u>Psalm 14:1</u>: The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have done abominable works. There is none who does good.

<u>Luke 17:5</u>: And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

<u>Questions to Consider</u>:

1) **What is faith? (a general definition)**
2) **What does the LORD God Almighty say about faith in Him? What does faith in our Heavenly Father mean?**
3) **Why do people believe and have faith in Our LORD God?**
4) **How does a person <u>get</u> "faith" in the LORD God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (the Triune God) How do people believe?**
5) **How is "faith" in the Triune God <u>increased?</u> How does faith grow or develop? How is our faith "deepened"? What should a person think, say, and do to build his or her faith in the LORD God Almighty?**

6) **What are the awesome benefits, the rewards when a person has faith in the LORD God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit?**

Definition of "faith" for the dictionary: "Faith" is an act of confidence or trust in a person or thing. Synonyms/Synonymous phrases; *believe, rely on, depend on, be sure about, count on, confide in, accept something as true*

Definition of "faith" from the Holy Bible: Hebrews 11:1-3: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it (faith) the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

What does the LORD God say about "faith" in Him? **Hebrews 11:6: But without faith it is impossible to please Him (the LORD God Almighty), for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

How do we get faith in the LORD God Almighty? **Romans 10:17: So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Why do Christians believe in the LORD God Almighty, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit of the Living God?

I. His Creation

Psalm 19:1-4: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Romans 1:19-20: Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the

world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

II. <u>The Loveliness of Our Heavenly Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit</u> ---God's Attributes, His Qualities, His Perfect Character!!! <u>For examples</u>: His truth, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, faithfulness, loving-kindness, justice, mercy, honesty, integrity, decency, morality, strength, power,…just to name a few. We, as humans, admire these lovely qualities and attributes of Our Heavenly Father, Our Savior Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit.

<u>Psalm 145:8-9</u>: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

III. <u>His Word and Teachings</u> – The <u>Power</u> and <u>Beauty</u> of <u>His Word</u>; Its Authority, Its Wisdom, Its Brilliance, Its "Other-worldliness", etc. (those "thought-provoking parables, His commandments, His words about bitterness, forgiveness, helping others in need, etc.)!!!

<u>Matthew 5:44-45</u>: "But I (the Lord Jesus Christ) say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

<u>Matthew 22:37-40</u>: Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Mark 1:22: And they were astonished at His teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 6:1-2: Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

Mark 3:23-24: So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

IV. His Prophesies and their Fulfillment

Matthew 24:35: Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Luke 2:10-11: Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

John 13:19: Now I (the Lord Jesus Christ) tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

Luke 24:44-45: Then He (the Lord Jesus Christ) said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all

things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

V. God's Love: His Promises, Protection, Provisions, His Productivity in your life, and so much more!!!

Deuteronomy 31:8: And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed.

Matthew:28:18-20: And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 20:28: "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

VI. His Miracles, His Healings, the Amazing Signs and Wonders/Wonderworks, His Marvelous Works, etc.!!!

Luke 6:17-19: And He (the Lord Jesus Christ) came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from him and healed them all.

John 10:37-38: If I (the Lord Jesus Christ) do not do the works of

My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.

<u>Mark 1:34</u>: Then he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

VII. His Presence/His Attractiveness/How He Drew People to Himself

<u>Mark 3:7-8:</u> And Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea, and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him.

<u>Matthew 7:28-29</u>: And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught they as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

VIII. His Many Eyewitnesses and their "Written Eyewitness Accounts/Testimonies", with those "OVERWHELMING" Pieces of Evidence/Proofs !!!

<u>II Peter 1:16-18:</u> For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

Luke 1:1-4: In as much as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

Mark 4:15-16: Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.

Mark 16:19-20: So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

IX. The Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Mark 1:8: I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 6:13: And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

X. The Transformation/Undeniable Change of His Followers / (the "Genuine" Conversion and Transformation of men and women):

Examples: His apostles/disciples (the conversion and transformation of Simon Peter, John, Matthew, John Mark, Paul, <u>and you)</u>!!!

<u>Acts 9:20-21:</u> Immediately he (Paul) preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this Name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

<u>II Corinthians 5:17</u>: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

XI. <u>The Personal Experiences and Relationships of His Followers</u> AND <u>Your Own Personal Experiences and Relationship</u> (Answered prayers, miraculous interventions, blessings given, promises fulfilled, peace and joy---- even during trials, gifts given to you and others through the Holy Spirit, and so much more!!!

<u>Genesis 15:6:</u> And he (Abraham) believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.'

<u>Acts 28:30-31:</u> Then Paul dwell two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ in all confidence, no one forbidding him.

<u>What can you add as a testimony for your faith in the Triune God?</u>

<u>Closing Scripture:</u> <u>Psalm 104: 33-34</u>: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD.