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1. What is faith? Being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Dictionary - belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, without logical proof. Belief in and devotion to God.

- 2. What role does faith plays in a Christian life?
- **3. How important is faith?** Without faith we have no place with God, and it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please him. (Hebrews 11:6).
- 4. Are we born with faith? No
- 5. Can we study the word of God and get more faith? No
- **6. Where does faith come from?** Faith is not something we conjure up on our own. **(Eph 2, 8-9)** Faith is a gift from God.
- **7. How did we earn it?** We didn't deserve it, have earned it, or are worthy to have it. It is not from us, it is from God. It's not obtained by our power or our free will. It is simply given to us by God, along with his grace and mercy, and according to his holy plan and purpose.

- **8. Why have faith?** God designed a way to distinguish between those who belong to him and those who don't.
- **9. What is the reward for faith? (Hebrew 11:6)** He rewards <u>THOSE</u> who earnestly seek him. This is not to say that we have faith in God just to get something from him. God loves to bless those who are obedient and faithful.
- **10.** Where can find an example of this? (Luke 7:50) Jesus is engaged in dialog with a sinful woman when he gives us a glimpse of why faith is so rewarding. He told her your faith has saved you, go in peace. The woman believed in Jesus by faith, and he rewarded her for it.
- **11.** What is something that all Christians should have faith in? Knowing by faith that we will be in heaven with God for all eternity. (1 Pet 1:8-9) Though you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.
- 12. What is the faith Chapter in the Bible? (Heb. 11)

Why? Because in it great deeds of faith are described.

- a. V.4 By faith Noah prepared the ark in a time when rain was unknown
- b. V.7 by faith Abraham left his home and obeyed God's command to go he knew not where and then offered up his son.
- **13.** Why is faith the cornerstone of Christianity? Without demonstrating faith and trust in God we have no place with him. We believe in God's existence by faith.
- **14. Can faith fail us at times?** Yes why? Because it is a gift of God, given to his children, he provides times of trail and testing in order to prove that our faith is real and to sharpen and strengthen it. (James 1:2-4)
- **15. Will God test our faith?** (James 1:2-4) Consider it pure Joy, because the testing of our faith produces perseverance and matures us, providing evidence that our faith is real.
- **16. Who is the perfecter of our faith? (Heb 12:2)** Jesus is described as the author and perfecter, or finisher of our faith.
- **17. What is an author?** An originator or creator. Greek here means captain, chief leader, or prince.

Jesus controls our faith, steers it as a captain steers a ship, and presides over it and cares for it as a monarch care for his people.

Perfecter-completer or finisher and speaks of bringing something to its conclusion. We see that Jesus both creates and sustains our faith. (Eph 2:8-9). That gift comes from Christ, its creator.

- **18.** Can faith be lost? He is also the sustainer of our faith, meaning that true saving faith cannot be lost, taken away or given away.
- **19.** Why is this great new for Christians? Christ has created our faith and he will watch over it, care for it, and sustain it.

Conclusion:

If Christ is not the finisher and perfecter of our faith, who are we? We are neither born again nor are we true followers of Christ. I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the PROMISED Holy Spirit, who is GUARANTEE of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his Glory. (Phil 1:6) (Eph 1:13-14).