

# Real Faith Inspires Changes in One's Heart

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Real faith in God could have always inspired that most necessary change needed within the heart of every person alive (and of those who had lived). However, true faith in God is very scarce in most people in this day and age (and it was the same for thousands of years during Bible times), even though the only way anyone get into Heaven is through believing and trusting in faith on God and the atoning shed Blood of Christ, for everything in life. It is through one's true repentance and a sincere faith on God (and on His Salvation Plan for mankind), that God inspires that most necessary 'change of heart' within a person. The apostle warned (Acts 3:19-20) "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the 'times of refreshing' shall come from 'the presence of the Lord'"; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you."

Real faith in God will change our heart from the inside, and it will also bring hostility and hatred upon us from outside. (Matt.10:22) "You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."

Jesus paid our debt of sin, and His shed Blood cleansed our heart of rebellion and desire to sin, so if we truly believe that His Blood sacrifice accomplished that for us, then we could believe to be made free by God's power from those sins, as well as freed of our unbelief (through those 'times of refreshing' coming from the "presence of the Lord" (as the apostle stated). We will be inspired by God from within our heart (NOT to put our trust in a plan, or a pill, or a policy like the world trusts in). And so, be enabled by God to trust Him for all of life issues, such as: our health of body, healing from oppression, protection and deliverance from all of the devil's temptations, and to have God's promised provision of all needs and Scriptural desires, and to receive justice, forgiveness, and

eternal life as Jesus promised (Matt.10:22) "But he who endures to the end will be saved." (He said).

Divine healing is received via a trusting faith in the Blood of Christ (for that is what God's Word tells us). Jesus said (Mark 5:34) "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague [meaning, be freed from your suffering]." [Jesus Christ is also the 'Bread of Life' that came down from Heaven, as He told us John 6:33] "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

We are to trust on God's Promises for our daily needs to be provided by faith in God's Promises. (Matt.4:4) "But He (Jesus) answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Phil.4:6) "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Also (Phil.4:19) "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Protection is promised if we trust God in faith, not trust on insurance, or seatbelts, or clubs, guns, and other weapons or security devices. (Psalm 91:1-3) "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [For one to be trusting on God for all things in our life, would indeed be to "dwell in the secret place of the Most High." ] (vs. continues) "I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." "Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence." (vs.7) "A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you." Then (vs 9-11) "Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways." (Those Words of God spoken to us by the Psalmist, should reveal to us, just how far-reaching and all-encompassing God's promised Protection is really meant to be over our life and our family (and for all others who will believe and take Him at His infallible and 'inspired Word').

Salvation means 'Everlasting Life', which is given by God's grace alone, and it is promised and provided for all to receive, as each one claims and accepts it through believing faith in the Blood sacrifice made for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Matt.19:29) "Every one that hath forsaken [anything or anyone] for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall inherit

**'Everlasting Life'.** **[Our responsibility is to keep our faith centered on the divine power of God concerning every issue we face each day.]**

Real faith will actively trust God for divine healing, provision of finances, and everything else within God's Will for us. [ If we do not receive what we ask for, perhaps our request was not within God's Will for us (since He knows what is best for us spiritually and otherwise). Or perhaps, we fall short in our profession of faith on God's Promises.] The combination of spoken and acting faith on God's Word is a required condition to receive on our part. (James 2:21-23) "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled Genesis 15:6 which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness."

Admitting to our wrong heart attitudes, confessing our rebellious sins and unbelief, and correcting our many mistakes that are shown to us, is all part of our growing spiritually in the 'Truth of God'. God wants us to be prepared for Eternity, and He wants to forgive us, but we have to decide to repent and trust in His 'Atonement for sin' (which He sent His Son to accomplish for us). (John 3:16) "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

When God convicts us of a wrong attitude or an unscriptural decision, we need to repent of that mistake, turn back to Him, and then trust Him for the ability to correct those mistakes. God wants us to repent, because He wants to forgive us, and He told us in His Word that He does not want any soul to perish and be taken into eternal torment. (2 Pet.3:9) "The Lord is not slow in fulfilling His promise, in the sense in which some men speak of slowness. But He bears patiently with you, His desire being that no one should perish but that all should come to repentance."

King Saul did not repent, so the prophet told him (1 Sam.15:23) "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."

King Saul could have repented as King David did, (who also wrote Psalm 51:2-3) "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me." But like the nation of Israel, King Saul was 'not willing' (as Jesus emphasized for us (Matt.23:37-39) "O Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Our continuing to 'trust God in faith', means being ready to correct mistakes; to confess them when being shown; forsaking wrong choices of the past; and getting back into God's will. It is a duty and a privilege to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit— Who inspires faith in us to believe God. (Psalm 51:10) "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

If our conscience is defiled through resentment; a wrong choice; a rebellious attitude, or any decision shown to be a wrong one, we need to repent and put our faith in the Blood of Christ for cleansing, and with the Spirit's help, to trust God in faith to deliver us from that stubborn attitude. (Psalm 51:11) "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me."

King Asa was angry at the prophet of God, when Ha/na/ni told him he did a foolish thing by no longer trusting God in faith. Instead of taking heed to scriptural advice, the king hardened his heart (as Hebr. 3:7-8 warns not to). David, however, was willing to correct his mistake. God already knows our heart, so our prayer is (Psalm 51:2) "Wash me [thoroughly] from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."

God alone really knows the heart because (Hebr.4:13 says) "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." We should change our attitudes now (while we still have time on earth).

The message of the Bible is to believe God, and to trust Him for everything. We can have nothing between us and Him, on which we could depend, because God promises to heal us, protect us, provide our needs, avenge our wrongs, cleanse our heart, and save our soul—if we will trust Him in real faith to do that.

The shed Blood of the Cross erases our sin, and God's power is able to heal our body without drugs; protect us without guns; provide our needs without Welfare, and to give us Salvation by keeping our faith on Him to the finish. It is possible to fall away from faith and to no longer trust God.

Jesus said (Mark 9:50) "Salt is good: but if the salt has lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it?"

Our purpose on this earth is to glorify God, for everything we possess is on loan from Him. While we wait for Jesus' return, we are to trust Him in faith for whatever is needed, and to make changes when they are revealed, because "he who does God's will continues forever".

God requires that we put 'trusting faith' in the Atonement Blood of His Son. Real faith really does trust God for all life issues. Banks give a few percent interest, but God promises 10,000% interest—if we will give Him our earthly treasures. Most people are not willing to give their money to God by giving it as charity to poor and needy ones, because they do not believe that God will bless them.

(Matt.6:19-21) Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where [nothing can touch them, and God can dispense them]. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." [Jesus knew exactly what He was saying to us.]

God called the man a fool who built bigger barns in order to store up larger quantities of supplies for financial security. (Luke 12:20) "This night your soul will be required of you." (vs 21) "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich [in faith] toward God." [Trusting God in faith for the needs of each day, is indeed a Salvation issue.]

(1 John 5:20) "The Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." (The next verse 21 says) "Keep yourselves from idols. Amen."

An idol can be anything that has come between us and our dependence on God, but, when we are willing to forsake those idols, God has promised that He will expose and cleanse us from idols that may be hidden in our life. (Ezek.36:24-29) "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. Then you

shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will deliver you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and multiply it and bring no famine upon you."

God promises to heal, provide, protect, avenge, and save, if we will believe Him and trust Him to change our heart. To love God with all our heart, is to trust Him throughout our life. Faith in Him includes asking for divine wisdom; trusting Him for healing through Jesus' Blood (Acts 3:16); also, for divine protection everyday (Psalm 91); and for daily supplies from our treasure in Heaven (Phil.4:19).

This life is a test (as we are told James 1:12), and we must pass every test by trusting on the Blood of Jesus to the very end of our life. Trials reveal idols, and if there *are* any in our heart, we must *know* it and *correct* it. (Psalm 26:2-3) "Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your Truth."

A hypocrite is someone who looks religious on the *outside* but is not believing God in faith on the inside (Matt.23:13). Hypocrites in the Bible opposed Jesus, who said (John 15:21) "All these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me." He added (Mark 7:6) "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'"

It is a serious sin and a deadly mistake to be a spiritual hypocrite, one who does not actively trust God in faith. Jesus said of the servant who was not ready, because he did not keep his faith in God, (Matt.24:51) that His Father "shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Those who are saved, persevere through their tests, and they keep trusting on the Atonement of Christ, to convert their rebellious heart to become a submissive one. The only main concern in *this* life is to be ready for the next life. (2 Tim.4:7) "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

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decision). (1 John 5:11) tells us, "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in 'His Son'." Thus, it is God Who inspires that needed change in our heart attitude, toward true obedience of His Son, which enables us to be 'in the Son', (which is what it means to be trusting on the Father, through His Son).

It is God Who "forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:3-5). [ Real faith in Christ is really most necessary and important for our Salvation and Eternal Life. ]

(1 John 5:12-13) "He that hath the Son hath life [eternal]; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may [continue to NKJV] believe on the name of the Son of God." Real faith in the Atonement Blood of Christ can change our heart, and that is the key to Heaven!



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