

FAITH is TRUTH

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The word **FAITH** in the Old Testament occurs only twice in the King James Translation, (Deuteronomy 32:20 and Habakkuk 2:4). It is translated from the Hebrew word *emuwn*, (pronounced *ay-moon'*, Strong's 529, also 530 is a variation). It is basically translated as the word **TRUTH**.

In the New Testament, the word **FAITH** occurs 243 times in the King James Translation. It is generally taken from the Greek word *pistis*, (pronounced *pis'-tis*, Strong's 4102), which also means **TRUTH**.

The word **TRUTH** is found a number of times in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, (*KJV*), **TRUTH** is often translated from the same Hebrew word, *emuwn*. In the New Testament, the word is often translated from the Greek word *aletheia*, (pronounced *al-ay'-thi-a*, which is Strong's 225; 227, and 230 are variations).

If you replace the word **FAITH** with the word **TRUTH**, anywhere you find it in the Bible, and study the scriptures that have to do with the word **TRUTH**, you will see something that you may not have seen before. Since there are only 2 places that the word **FAITH** appears in the Old Testament, (*KJV*), it will not take you long there. The second verse, (Habakkuk 2:4), is quoted by Paul in Galatians 3:11. Some of the most important scriptures are the ones that are directly about Jesus and the ones that Jesus spoke. For example, John 1:14 says, "And the Word, (*i.e.*, Jesus Christ) was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and **TRUTH**. John 1:17 says, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **TRUTH** came by Jesus Christ." Jesus said in John 3:20-21(*NKJV* here and after), "**For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the TRUTH comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.**" Now we know from John 1 that Jesus was the **TRUE LIGHT**, (John 1:9). We know also that in Jesus was LIFE, and that this LIFE was the LIGHT of men, (John 1:4). In John 14 verse 6, Jesus says that, "**I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**" But how do we get to Jesus? John 14:15-17 tells us, "**If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of TRUTH, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**" He also says in John 8:31-32, "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free.**" We come to Jesus by way of the Holy Spirit. (See John 6:44, where Jesus says, "**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.**" (See also verse 65). And we come to the Father by way of Jesus, (see John 14:6 above).

So, *life* in the Father comes through Jesus Christ, by way of the leading of the Holy Spirit. In that *life*, there is *only light* and NO darkness. It is a life NOT of this world, but of Heaven, (see John 8:23). This earthly world is the dipolar opposite of the Kingdom of Heaven. In this world, there is no light, except Christ, (see John 1:5, and 8:19-21), only darkness and the curse of the law, as a result of the fall, (see Genesis chapter 3). The wisdom that belongs to this world is self-seeking. It is an enemy of righteousness and an enemy of God (see Acts 13:10 and James 4:4). Therefore, wisdom that is of this world is earthly, sensual, demonic and cannot agree with God who is **TRUTH**, (see James 3:14-18). Our fleshly righteousness is as ‘filthy rags’ before God, (Isaiah 64:6). Our fleshly ways seem right to us, but they lead to death, (Proverbs 14:12). As sinners under the law of sin and death, we loved the darkness, (see John 3:19). We have heard people say that they just want the facts. The word **FACT** is *NOT* found in the King James Version of the Bible! A fact is something in the natural that is presented as truth. However, to someone who walks in the Spirit, a fact may be irrelevant, because it is of *this* world! For example, it may be presented as a fact that someone has ‘such and such’ illness, but the **TRUTH** is that by Jesus stripes we are healed, (see Isaiah 53:5 and I Peter 2:24). Therefore, the **TRUTH** supersedes a **FACT** when it comes to living in the Kingdom of God and through the name of Jesus, the sick person can be healed, (see handout, ‘The Truth About Healing’).

Now, God made Jesus Christ sin for us, so that we are made the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ, and we are freed from the law of sin and death (see II Corinthians 5:21, *NKJV*, and Galatians chapter 3, esp. v. 13). This righteousness comes by *grace*, (which is in this case ‘unmerited favor’ from God) through **FAITH** in Jesus Christ, (see Ephesians 3:8 and Romans 10:1-13). We are justified in God’s eyes by **FAITH**, (see Habakkuk 2-4, Galatians 3:1-11, and Romans 5:1-2). Since **FAITH** is **TRUTH**, then we are justified by **TRUTH**. And since Jesus is **TRUTH**, (see John 14:6 above) then we are justified through Him, and have found peace with God through Jesus Christ, (see Romans 5:1). The more we become **TRUTH**, the more we become like Jesus and are conformed to His image, (see Romans 8:29). He has delivered us from the power of sin and darkness, (see Romans 6:14-23 and Col. 1:12-23), and brought us into the *light*, (see Matthew 4:16, John 12:36, Colossians 1:12 and I John 1:5-7). So if we live in **TRUTH**, and walk according to it, then we are living by **FAITH** and are living in the *light*. Therefore, there is no choice but to have **FAITH**, since **FAITH** is **TRUTH**, and we are living in **TRUTH** through Jesus Christ. **TRUTH**, (or **FAITH**), comes to us through the Word of God, (which is Jesus) from the Bible and the revelation through the Holy Spirit, or Spirit of **TRUTH**, see Romans 10:17, John 14:15-17 and 16:13).

How then do we walk in the *light*? We walk in the light by walking in **LOVE**. To understand this you should focus on the book of John and the 1st through 3rd epistles of John in the New Testament. If we *love* God and *love* our fellow man, then we are living in the *light*. If we do not have *love* for God and our fellow man, then we are living in *darkness*, and we do NOT have the **TRUTH** in us. We show our love for God by our *obedience*, (see Matthew 22:38, John 14:15 and 15:10 and 14). We show our love for our fellow man, by *treating them as we would treat ourselves*, (see Luke 6:31). Further, we should *love our enemies* and this will lead us into perfection as God is perfect, (see Matthew 5:43-48 and 22:39, John 15:12-13 and Romans 13:8). If we love God and our

fellow man, we are living in the *light*, the **TRUTH** is in us and we will have **FAITH** by definition. It will not be a struggle. Then, God will do anything we ask according to His will, (see John 14:13 and 15:16). God will be in us and we will be in Him, (see John 14:20 and 23 and 17:22-23). Since God is **TRUTH**, then we will be full of **GOD**, (in *SPIRIT* and *POWER*), *i.e.*, full of **TRUTH** and full of **FAITH**. Then we will be filled with the **KINGDOM**. *We will be the **CHRIST** in the earth!*

How does the process actually work? Well, we are each given a ‘measure’ of faith when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and are *born again*, (see Romans 12:3). However, that faith must grow as we become mature as Christians, since the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ ‘from faith to faith’, (see Romans 1:17). What this means that we become *more right* with God as we grow *into* Jesus from ‘faith to faith’. This is the process of *sanctification* which gives us access to *perfection in Christ*, (see the handout ‘The Path to Perfection’; II Corinthians 2:13-17 and Hebrews 10:14). Each time that we suffer a problem from the devil and we pray and wait on God Who will eventually deliver us out of the trouble, our *faith* will become stronger when He delivers us or turns things into our favor, (see Romans 8:28). When we suffer during these trials and we respond by praying and patiently waiting for God to help us, and He does, this is **FAITH**. Thus each case of suffering from the devil and deliverance from God is a case of **FAITH**. Our *righteousness* before God in Christ is worked into us through these series of ‘faith’ events, (*i.e.*, from ‘faith to faith’). Our series of ‘faith tests’ will work *patience* into us as we wait on God, which will lead us to the point of *perfection* in Christ through *obedience* to God, Who tells us to *wait on Him*, (see the handouts ‘OBEDIENCE - The Key to Righteousness’, ‘Patience’ and ‘SUFFERING - The Key to Obedience’; Psalm 27:14, 37:7, 59:9, chapter 62, Isaiah 8:17, 30:18, 40:30-31, 49:23, 64:4, Jeremiah 14:22, Lamentations 3:25-27, Micah 7:7-10, Romans 8:18-39, 15:1-5, II Corinthians 1:8-11, Galatians 5:5-6, James 1:2-4, 5:7-8, Hebrews 5:7-11 and Jude 20-23). This is the purpose of Satan still being present in the earth, in order to help *work into us* the characteristic of the *love* of God. *Love is patient or perseverant*, (see I Corinthians 13:4, *NLT*). It is this perseverance that may allow us to avoid the terrible trouble of the *great tribulation*, (see the handouts ‘Revelation Revealed’ and ‘The Trouble that Lies Just Ahead’; Revelation 3:10).

The Bible says in Romans 10:17 that ‘faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God’. Most people say from this scripture that if you will just read the Bible and go to church and ‘hear’ the Word of God that your faith will grow. However, this is not really how it works. What this scripture really means is that faith increases when we *hear* from God and when we obey what He says to us then amazing things come as a result, (especially when He speaks instructions to us during the times of suffering through trials as mentioned above). And, we *know* that we are hearing from God, because we know the Word of God, (*i.e.*, the Bible and Apocrypha) and what God tells us will *ALWAYS* line up with His written Word. This is why it is so important to study and understand the Word of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, (not with human understanding as most Christians do) because it will allow us to know when we are ‘hearing from God’, (see the handouts ‘UNDERSTANDING - The Key to Eternity’ and ‘KNOWLEDGE - The Key to Perfection’). The Holy Spirit will remind us of His word during the times of the testing of our faith by suffering at the hands of the devil. This Word will help us to stand strong in

Jesus who is our Rock, (see Psalms 62:7-8, Matthew 22:41-44, I Corinthians 15:1-11, Ephesians 6:10-20, I Thessalonians 3:5-8, James 1:21-27 and I Peter chapters 1-2).

The bottom line then is since Jesus is **TRUTH** and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of **TRUTH** and **FAITH** is **TRUTH** then our faith ultimately comes from the Holy Spirit *through* Jesus. It is through faith that we trust and obey God, which is how we show out love for God. It is only by receiving the love of God that we can give it away to our fellow man, (see I John 4:10). That is why we cannot have real faith *or* the love of God the Father operating through us without BOTH Jesus AND the Holy Spirit continually working in our lives.

The Final Equation –

FAITH=TRUTH=JESUS=GOD=LOVE

Therefore, every act of FAITH is an act of LOVE toward God and our fellow man!

*The Christian walk may be represented by a series of waves with the peaks representing **GLORY** and the valleys representing **FAITH**. When the person has few problems, (e.g., they have enough money, provisions, health and lack of stress), then they are in the ‘glory’ of God. On the other hand, when they have many or significant problems, (e.g., they may lack money, provisions, or have sickness or other stressful problems) they are in the ‘faith’ walk in which they learn to totally rely on the Lord. When we become ‘perfected’ in Christ, then we can learn to ‘walk on the water’, or walk in the ‘glory’ of God. The diagram below represents what it means to grow in Jesus from faith to faith and glory to glory, (see Romans 1:16-17 and II Corinthians 3:18).*

