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Faith is a Gift from God
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Let's bow our heads in a word of prayer.

Dear gracious Father, we come humbly before you this Christmas Eve of 2023.

Father, we just love You and we just have such relaxation and actually such joy being in Your Presence. So, Lord, we just pray that we would focus upon what You have done in all these days combined, leading us to this great episode of Your Parousia. In Jesus Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.
You may be seated.

I wish everybody, a Merry Christmas, and even though tomorrow is Christmas and even though it really isn't Christmas until springtime. But it's kind of a tradition, I guess. People, worship God in different ways, but we worship Him in spirit and truth. All right.

So this morning I've taken a message called the Gift of faith, and we're going to look at why it had to be a gift. OK. Now, when everybody thinks of the gift, they think of the Son of God, OK? They think of the vessel. They think of this little baby born in a Manger.

But that's not what the whole thing was, that because until He was 30 years old, He was still just a boy like anybody else. But when God entered into Him at the River Jordan at 30 years old, it was now we were seeing God, and we were seeing God manifested in flesh.

Now, this morning we are going to look at Why it had to be a gift. But we're going to find out what that gift really is. Is it the Son himself? Is the vessel? Is it the Lamb slain before the foundations of the world, or is it the life that He lived?

God said in **John 3:16**, that **God so loved the world He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever would believe in him should not perish but would receive eternal Life**. So, the Life comes through this gift. And this gift of eternal life came through His son.

But then why did Brother Branham preach on Christmas day and tell us "**Why it had to be Shepherds**." Think of that just a moment.

To begin with, we are looking at this gift, and we know that this gift was life itself and that life lay in His Son. But first, let me talk about why it had to be shepherds. Because you see, the pillar of fire, led the shepherds to where there was life. In other words, all the way through the ages we see that when they got out from under the pillar of fire, life left them. They died back in the Wilderness, and everything else.

So, what is this gift? And why did it come through His Son, Jesus? He was the pattern for all gifts. And we are directed to this gift and to be conformed to this gift, for it is Life eternal, or eternal Life.

Roman 8:29 *“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image** of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified.*

That means you never did do it. You might have in the flesh acted out the sin, but actually there was no sin in you. Because you always, were a believer. There's always something in you, always looked to Him. **30** *And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

So, what is this image of His Son? Are we to have a beard, wear sandals, and live a Holy Life like a monk? NO, we are to live by the same Faith that He lived by.

Galatians 2:20 Paul tells us, *“I am crucified with Christ: (In other words, I have died to self) **nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:*** So how am I to live again, having died to myself, and Paul continues. *And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith (by the Revelation) of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

So, I am to live by His faith, then as **Romans 8:29** told us we are to be **conformed to Him**, His Life, His Faith.

So then why did it have to be shepherds? Why? It was shepherds that led us to Him. And He is the source of Life, God's real gift to us. Now see, these were not an organization of clergymen. They were not theologians. They were not, the uppity UPS and the mayors and whatever. They were humble shepherds, which is a type of God's prophets, that He always sent. And it's a type of a 5 fold ministry now.

Not the lamb that was slain before the world for our sins. We were not led to Him, because Justification said you never did sin, because sin is unbelief, and He that is born of God cannot sin, for there is no sin in him. There is no unbelief.

Then why did it have to be shepherds that led us to Him and His Faith? Well, a shepherd is one who leads, He is not content to just squat on a piece of Ground and expect his sheep to just stay in one place, if he does the fresh grass, the good food will become overgrazed and the same food, that was a blessing for the sheep today, tomorrow by overgrazing will become its curse, and its death. Now there'll be nothing there for them to feed on.

So, the shepherd is not a person who is content and lazy, for if he satisfies easily, then the sheep are doomed to eventually starve to death. So, God made him to be non-content. And he leads them to a pasture, and they eat and rejoice over their food, but that must change from day to day, from pasture to pasture, lest they become content and overgraze. And today's good (Food) grass will become tomorrow's malnutrition.

You see, when Brother Vayle went off the scene or Brother Branham went off the scene and people kind of pick up the mantle so to speak and they think, well, I'm just preaching what Brother Branham preach. I'm just preaching what Brother Vayle preached. If they don't see the word today, they're lost. They've overgraced.

So, he leads them by example and listen, God makes up a man the way he is. I mean, I'm sorry, but every bell that rings, when you have a Christmas song and everybody's got a bell and they do their thing, every bell is made different and it's made to give a certain sound. And so when it gives a certain sound, it fits in the courus of what God has.

So, he leads them by example and becomes the one who gets up to look for new pastures, and they just follow. So why did it have to be shepherds? God made them to lead others to His presence. That's what the shepherds did in that day. They came from the field, notice the field, the mission field. They came from the field and they came into His Presence.

Now I want to talk about the first shepherd. Let's look at Adam. God said, eat from the Tree of Life and Live. Look only to my pillar of fire, and don't look to knowledge and how much you know about anything, for the day you eat of knowledge that is the day you die.

The minute you take your eyes off the pillar of fire that leads you day to day for your food is the day that you die.

But he took his eyes off the Pillar of Fire and followed his wife after knowledge and the day he took his eyes from that Pillar of Fire is the day death set in for the human race. And so, God gave him to be dressed in sheep skins. Notice that Sheepskins, the shepherd. Why sheepskins? Because what he now wore, was pointing him to the Life of the innocent one that was to come. He was pointed to the only way back to life, through His son Jesus.

Then let's look at another shepherd. Let's look at Moses. He just thought as a general I can lead the children of Israel back to life. So, God gave him a period where He dressed him in Sheep skins, as a shepherd, because he was totally rejected as a general.

And he dressed Him in the same clothing as his father Abraham, another great shepherd who had great flocks and the great shepherd of His time, and he had many flocks. And He was to be and is the Father of our faith.

Now, Moses was taught to follow the pillar of fire and live. When the Pillar of Fire moved, the whole people moved, the whole flock moved with it, and notice they were actually full of life. Their shoes never wore out. Their clothing never wore out. They had food every day, they had water every day. And so, as long as they had their eyes on the pillar of fire, they were living eternally. I mean, they're just living every day refreshed.

Where the pillar of fire stopped, they stopped with it. But they were to keep their eyes on the pillar of fire to live. He said look and live. And God vindicated they were watching His Pillar of fire by signs and miracles. Now notice how the Bible says that Moses understood the ways of God, but the people only saw the signs of miracles.

See, the people were looking at the wrong thing.

But then Moses was taken up from them, and their Joshua who himself was a type of the Holy Spirit today continued to follow that same pillar of fire. But once he led them into the land of Promise, they soon took their eyes off the Pillar of Fire, and guess what?

And they began to die again.

Then God sent them Elijah again and dressed him also in sheep skins. You notice that? A shepherd showing them the way back to life by giving him a life full of vindication in the power of the pillar of fire, yet they soon got their eyes off the

pillar of fire and died. He told them, that God was not in the lightning nor the thunder. In other words, he's not in the signs and wonders, but in a small still voice. Things are changing. God wants to work with us individually, and they forgot what led them to the God that was Supernatural, by forsaking and rejecting that message of that still small voice, and so they once again perished.

Wow, You know, I'm sorry, but Einstein said if you keep making the same mistake over and over again, doing the same thing, thinking you were going to change, He said that's a sign of insanity.

So, God sent them another man, John the Baptist, and he dressed him in shepherd's clothing, and sheep skins, showing just as he did by dressing Adam before him, and Abraham, and Moses, and Elijah that by following the Pillar of Fire leads to life. So, he pointed to that pillar of Fire and showed us that the Pillar of Fire now rested in one place, and that was in God's son. OK, so now we have a focal point, we actually have a visible manifestation to get our eyes upon.

And He said, "I see the heavens opened up and God's own Spirit was seen as a light, the Pillar of Fire, like a dove and came down and now has come down and Lives in His Son. He abides in Him. Now, follow Him.

And they did for a while, but once they denominating during the ages and got content grazing where there was food for that day, but then the food dried up and they soon died. That's what denomination does.

Mark 14:27 for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

And so, they did. So, God once again sent to us a shepherd, in our day, who God identified He was his shepherd by vindicating that He was in God's presence, and he was in His Pillar of fire, and to show he was also the shepherd of God's flock he vindicated Him with His Presence, and even took His picture showing us His pillar of fire was back again and our way into Life.

And as I looked at the mountain goats and the mountain sheep on the wall in his study in Tucson Arizona last week, and the many heads of sheep and even antelopes which are a type of Sheep, I realized he was also identified by God as our shepherd and his job was to lead us to the Pillar of fire as all the other shepherds have done before him. We had just listened to Brother Braham's sermon "**Why it had to be shepherds**", at North Side Fellowship whose Pastor is Brother Vic Berna.

So, with that in mind, I want to share with you about this great Pillar of fire, that the shepherds and wise men, they all followed **the Great Shepherd of our Faith**. It was not a baby that God led them to. It was a Life, an example seed, He led them to be our pattern. That example is the source of Life, for we are to live by the faith, by the revelation of the son of God and live. So, it is this gift of Faith that we are to live by. It was His Faith.

40 God's Provided Place of Worship 65-1128.1M *"I believe the church is beginning to hear the Message, (that's wonderful) and beginning to understand. (that's even better.) But friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son, (like the shepherds did) we've got to be ripened. Our faith isn't ripe. (Our revelation is not ripe.)"*

Intellectually we're hearing the Message that God has given us, and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible as that; but, oh, how the church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up in the heart, like Brother Don did right before he died. Like Brother Vayle did right before he died. You see?

gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down.

Sometimes in speaking the Message, you get harsh, and have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold. But when the Church once gets it, the Elected is called out and separated (then in the Presence of God), I know it'll be something like the people were there when it takes its Rapture.

So see, how God had to change things for him?

And that is why it had to be shepherds. They were to lead you into God's Presence, His Pillar of Fire. Just like the shepherds were led to Him by the same Pillar of Fire. So, that is why I want to talk to you about this great gift of God to us which is the gift of eternal life which we receive by the gift of Faith. A gift of revelation.

Romans 12:3 *"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."*

Now, if a beast man, are you familiar with a boxer named Mike Tyson? Bit off one of his opponents ears and just kind of a beast. He got all kinds of tattoos and stuff. Well Tucker Carlson was interviewing him and he said something astounding for

a beast man.

He asked him the question, does anybody ever come up to you and mock you and make fun of you and this and that? He said yeah, He said, well, what goes through your mind? Do you get really angry. You want to Punch him out. He said no, he said. When I realized, that I'm just a man, you see, he said, if I'm thinking that I'm elite, that I'm above this, then I get angry. But if I realize that I am just a man like he is, then I don't think nothing of it.

And you see, Apostle Paul says, don't get puffed up in your revelation. You know, you are sons of God don't get puffed up. Don't get puffed up more than you ought to think.

but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. A measure of revelation.

Now this word "**Dealt**" (as God dealt to every man) is the word **merizo** and it **signifies to divide into parts, and give out, hence, to share. In other words, it means to portion out.**

Now **Faith is a gift from God** to each of us who believe. And like any real Father, He wants us to be happy and be blessed and be fulfilled. So, He gives us gifts. And this being Christmas time and we seem to celebrate the Birth of Christ by giving gifts, because God gave His gift of His Son. I would like to take the Message this morning on this subject.

But to keep in the same channel of thought as we have been studying from the Message of **God's only provided place of Worship**, and being Christmas time, we know that Jesus was God's gift to the world. Therefore, I would like to look at this subject of Faith in a different sort of way than we have ever looked at it before.

You see, **Faith which is a revelation is a Gift from our Father.** Now, being that it is a gift, it means that it is unmerited to you. It's a favor. Okay you just have been given that gift. You didn't earn it, it's unmerited. You just were given it.

And Faith or Revelation is a gift, and it can only come from God. You can't get it by studying the Word, you don't get it by hands being laid on you, and Handa Mashanda. Now you were a donkey and now you're a human. No. You don't even get it by sitting under the right ministry. You say, Oh, I got it because I sat under Brother Vayle. No, I'm sorry, but many people that sat under Brother Vayle haven't got a clue. They're still into Super Bowls and this and that. They're still into the world.

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Faith, or Revelation is a gift, and it can only come by God giving you His Spirit so that you might receive His revelation.

But just as revelation or Faith is a gift from God, it is to be used for our use and enjoyment. Now I know I get excited every time one of the brothers shares a quote and I read that quote and I oh man, I just want to run around circles. It is really a lot of joy.

Now gifts come in all shapes and sizes. We give our children gifts with many different purposes in mind. Some gifts are for their education such as books and certain types of games, while other gifts are given for their recreation and enjoyment such as bicycles and skates and skis. We also give our children gifts of clothing, food, and perhaps music and for various other reasons.

So, you see, Gifts are from oneself to another, and in doing so we want to bring forth joy and fulfillment to the one we give the gifts to.

And so, it is with our Heavenly Father. And so, this morning we will examine this Gift of Faith He has given each of us and we shall look at the many different reasons and uses that we can use our gift of Faith or Revelation for.

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace are ye saved through faith* (What's that, through Revelation); *and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:* (So what is a gift from God, He says) **our faith is a gift from God. it is** (speaking of faith) **is the gift of God.** It is revelation.

I Peter 4:10 *As every man hath received the gift,* (and what is the gift? He said, Faith is the gift, and we know it is a revelation) **even so minister the same one to another,** (Someone give you a box of candy. What do you do? You share it. Someone gives you a box of nuts. What do you do? You share it. You see, that's what it is for) **as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

64 Proving His Word 64-0816 *Now, there is also an old proverb that says, "Prove it, and I will believe it." Now, they got one of our states in the nation, they have a slogan, "I'm from Missouri, show me." See, in other words, "Prove it to me, I'm from Missouri." But this doesn't work always, because God has, in every age, fulfilled and proved the work that He has set out for that age, and spoke it in His Word.*

And every time that God's Word has been proven in the age, the majority has turned It down.

Now, how many people, if I said, here's a whole bunch of Bengals tickets, how many people will turn it down? Only those people who say, hey, I keep holding

the Sabbath day, all right, I won't go to those things on Sunday. But everybody in the world, if I said OK, the game's on Saturday. Oh, I'll take it, I'll take it. I'll take everybody's going to take the gift. Why don't they take the gift of God? He offered it to them.

So, "Prove it, and I will believe it," is not so. **You can only have faith as God gives you faith. Faith is a gift of God.** Ever how religious you may be, yet it must take the... well you must have faith. And your faith can only rest, if you're a Christian, upon the proven Word of God.

Now, most people will never turn down a gift, any gift, but this gift they turn it down because without having the Spirit of God in us, we don't understand what this gift really is and what it will do for you.

If I were to say I've got a potion and you're going to live forever with that potion, then majority, probably 100% of people would say let me drink that potion. But if I say, well actually that potion is revelation in His Word, how many people would say, well, give it to me, they won't do it. It's not a quick fix for them.

In **Romans 12: 3**, we see that *God has given to every man the Measure of Faith*. Just have a little piece is all you need. You see you can put 100 million sperm on one pinhead. All right. So it doesn't take a lot, does it? Well, if God has given you a measure, you got a measure. That's it. Brother Branham said that measure, you can create worlds and go live on them. That's how great a portion that is. And yet Apostle Paul said if we had faith the size of mustard seed we could move mountains. But yet he also said having all faith so that we could move all mountains.

And Jesus said in **Matthew 17** that *if we had Faith the size of a mustard seed* (a tiny speck of it,) *we could move mountains*.

Then Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 13**, speaks of *having All Faith so that we could move mountains*, (it's the same thing. Whether, you got a whole bunch of it or whether you got a little bit of it. It's still life, and so, we see that whether you have a little modicum of Faith or) *having All Faith* (it will do the same thing. So why do you long for *all Faith* when having a little portion is all you need?)

It is not the size of the Faith or the revelation that is at issue, then since every man ... Brother Branham said, that little old Wash woman had just one/three tape/s. So it's not how much you got, it's what you do with what you've got. So, since every man is given a measure of Faith, and it doesn't really matter to what degree or quantity you have. But what really matters is whether you use what you have.

So, then what does it matter if I have all faith or just that of a mustard seed? Both can move the same mountain. And so, it is not in the measure we must strive for, we are all *given a measure by the same Father.*

I do not give each of my children the same gifts at Christmas time lately, I do. But when they were little, if I gave them the same doll they fight over, whose doll it really was the one. So, I just give them each what would be satisfying to them and for their birthdays. I try to give them each a different gift of equal value because a gift is from the heart and as a parent you try to satisfy the desires of each of your children. And since each child is different and may have different tastes and different likes and dislikes, you give to each of them to meet the desire as best you can, depending on your particular circumstances.

I remember when Elisabeth was just a little baby. Her first Christmas, I gave her a little baby doll. And as each of my girls came forth, they had desired dolls, so that is what I gave them. Now with the boys, it is different. One might want a dump truck and the other a set of cowboy guns or something else. Each child has different desires and needs, and we try to fulfill these needs as best we can.

And in trying to fulfill their little desires we give them gifts. This is one way we express ourselves to them and let them know that we care for them, and this is how we relate to them. And our heavenly Father is no different. This gift of Faith, or revelation is how He makes Himself known to each of us.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Now, we don't usually give our children gifts that we don't want them to use. In fact, we don't say oh, this is a beautiful gift. It's just wonderful gift, but you know what? Put it on the shelf and maybe someday it'll be worth more money. We don't do that. Now, maybe as adults we might do that because we're investing, but we don't do that with our children.

In fact, sometimes we give them gifts that we wish we had when we were young. My mother told me that my father had bought me an electronics set for building an intercom system when I was 3 years old. Can you imagine that, Brother Josh, giving your little daughter an intercom and saying have fun building it? Well, I don't remember it, but she said she made him take it back to the store. But is that not what God is doing when he gives us faith or revelation?

In other words, my dad was an electrical engineer, so his mindset was electrical engineer. So he wanted me to be an electrical engineer. So he gave me an electronic set to build an intercom system at the age of three years old. And now I wish I would have gotten that gift. Maybe my life would have been a little bit different.

He gives us that which we need to know Him and His opinions, values, and judgment. And my father was an Electrical Engineer before he went to night school to become a lawyer. I guess he had a desire for me and thus he gave me a gift to direct me towards the things he valued. So, gifts have all sorts of uses. But the main thing is that gifts are for using.

We give gifts expecting them to be used. No one likes to give a gift knowing that it will be put in the corner somewhere out of sight, or perhaps just passed on to another person and say this gift is from you. In fact, if we give a gift and the person just passes it on to another, then we know it was of no value to the person. But you see, we give gifts as a means of expressing ourselves, and therefore, we give them in anticipation that they will use them. Now remember that as we proceed in this study, because I wish to show you many uses for your Faith this Morning.

And so, the real issue we must consider is this. **Faith is worthless unless it is being used.** It has been given to us to be used. We must apply it. And **when it is used it will produce in you the very thing it was intended to do.** Just like I've mentioned about the can of paint. If you got the can of paint and you don't apply it, take it out and roll it on the wall, if you just say, oh, I got this can of paint out. I'll roll the can on the wall and my wall will be painted. You know, you got a little screw messed up someplace.

So then **Faith has a goal.** As we said before, *Faith is the assurance*, Revelation is the assurance *of things we earnestly expect.*

And so, if it is the assurance of things we earnestly expect, then it has to do with expectations. So then **Faith has a goal. It has an expectation.**

Whether your Faith is just a little tiny seed-like faith or whether you possess all faith. Both will bring forth the same result. Then we can say that Faith has a result, an expectation, a goal. And so, we must focus our Faith on the Goal at hand. For Faith without hope is worthless.

Faith without a final expectation is worthless. And since Faith a revelation, is placed within us for our own use, then it must be used. Now if God places the **Faith of His Son** in our hearts to move us and motivate us, then surely when we

are not operating in the realm of Faith, we cannot be pleasing to Him. He is child-training us to see what we will do with our Faith.

Now you know what? I was given a bicycle when I was a kid and the fact is that you make mistakes with the gift that God gives you. You can make mistakes, just like I could make mistakes. I was six years old and so I did not even know how to get on the bike.

So they held the bike for me and I got up on the bike. Then they gave me a push and I started going down the road and I was so happy because I was riding a bike for the first time until the guy next to me was also riding for the first time and we didn't know how to steer. So eventually those two bikes came together and we collided. Well, I got bruised up and got some cuts and bruises and things like that. But you know what I learned from that. You see you learn from your mistakes. But the gift is still there, and is to help you, because every father wants his child to be coordinated, wants them to be able to, use their muscles and everything else and use their mind over their muscles and learn how to do things. So, it's got to be used.

Didn't Jesus Himself say, "*I surely will do **nothing** until my Father reveals it to me first*"? This is why Brother Vayle has preached so diligently on **passive Faith** all these years. He preached that we might come to the place where we will wait upon the Lord.

So you see, I could have waited till I was 10 years old and rode a bike then. I probably would have done better. But you see, I did eventually learn at six years old, and I had four years ahead of myself till 10 years old.

You see **passive Faith waits for the promise.** *Passive Faith is patient*, and thus it is Mature. Faith takes over for you, and you rest in that Revelation, knowing that *He who made the promise surely will finish*. Guess what? You don't have to do it. He's doing it for you. It's God in you that's working to, will and to do. So what He has started to do, He's going to finish.

James 1:3 "*Knowing this, that the trying (the trial) of your Faith (your revelation) worketh Patience.*"

Think about that, the trial of your revelation. I thought it was supposed to produce in me, a Brother Branham. And it's going to make me just like Brother Branham. You know what? You didn't go through all the trials that he went through. So maybe if you get those trials, you end up in the same place because you have the same modicum of faith. Now he might have more faith because he's got a different measure, but doesn't matter because yours have produced the same thing, you

see.

Knowing this, that the trying of your Faith (your Revelation) worketh Patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, (in other words, you may be mature, complete and entire,) wanting nothing." And there's your key.

Faith is to work a maturity into us through patience. Patience is the one true characteristic of a mature person. They are willing to wait because they have faith, they have revelation and confidence in the promise. And thus, when we wait patiently for the promise, this waiting is actually an act of Faith. We're expressing a revelation. It then is a passive act, which has gone to the active thing.

Now, *God has given to each one of us a measure of Faith* and it doesn't matter what our measure is if it all can move the same mountains. So, what is important is that we keep our Faith active. So, we learn how to use this Faith, this revelation, this gift that we have all been given.

Jesus said, "*Surely the son can't even do anything Himself unless the Father shows Him first.*" So, we must use our Faith only in what God has shown us to use it for. And then if He is the One who has given us our measure of Faith, then won't He be the One Who shows us how to use it and when to use it? Then it is up to Him to help us to exercise this Faith that He has given to us.

Not that I am trying to tell you that we are not to be lazy with our Faith, but let's face the reality tonight. He gives us the measure of Faith we possess. He allots to each a certain measure, yet it doesn't really matter what measure we have because it all does the same thing. Same electricity turns on those lights, but it also turns on my screen, turn on that, turns on those lights. You can hear the heat blowing. It's the same electricity, OK? It'll do everything. It all has the same backing, and thus the same power.

I Peter 1:7-9 ' *That the Trial of your Faith (The trial of your Revelation), being much more precious than gold that perishes, that your Faith (the revelation) may be found after scrutiny to result in praise, honor, and Glory.* Now praise is the fruit offering, every lips giving praise to His name, *honor*, Honor is taking the lower seat, *and Glory* is the very mind of God, His opinions, the values and judgments, *at the Appearing of Jesus Christ:*" And the appearing of Jesus Christ has happened.

So, we see here that there is to be a trial or a testing of your faith, or your Revelation. The result of this testing will actually produce in you, **praise, honor, and Glory**.

So, then the testing will as James said, bring forth Patience, and when patience has its perfect work, it'll produce a fully mature son of God in the very image of the Father, just as His Firstborn was. Remember, **Jesus** Himself, (God's firstborn), **learned obedience** (so we will learn obedience) **to God's Word by the things that He suffered**.

Now, this word "**suffered**" is a word that means "**to undergo mistreatment**" or "**to be maltreated**" on account of the Word's sake.

So, we see that the trial of your Faith is exactly that. Your faith is put to the test. God places you in situations because of your faith, your Revelation, to see how you will utilize your Faith of revelation. (**Don't forget that faith is a revelation**). Remember Daniel in the Lion's den and the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace.

They all possessed the revelation of their hour and so God tested them by it. **The Revelation you possess is your Faith**. And thus, in order to get you to use it, and to apply it, God allows certain affliction and suffering to come your way because of your stand for your faith/Revelation. Just like a bicycle. You give it to your son and expect him to use it. So, he goes through trial after trial until he can use it no handed.

Thus, the suffering is a result of your already possessing Faith. You are not suffering because you don't have faith. You're suffering because you do have faith. See, that's a good thing to know. God's pleased with your faith. So He gives you a little bit more trials to see how you're going to handle it, and puts you into the place of having to rely only upon your Faith to see you through. That is exactly what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego went through. We have seen that is what **Daniel, Moses, Abraham**, and all God's prophets, went through.

Each had to go through a trial of His Faith, A trial of His Revelation. The trial came because of the Revelation that he had and thus he learned to wait upon God and in due course when God brought forth His Faith for testing again, it caused the Revelation to energize his own faith.

Your Faith is given to you to be used. But you can't just use it for any purpose. It must be of God's choosing and according to His timing. But believe me when I tell you this, If **God has given you this measure of Faith**, then He will just as surely

as He gave you this Faith, He will test it and cause it to be of use to you. So, when you enter into the trials of your faith, your revelation, just Let go and let God.

It's like we see that in the movies. You know the force be with you. Just yield to the force. Well, that's a take off from the Bible. Just yield to God. Let Him move you. He will show you things to come. OK. When the Holy Ghost comes upon you, He will show you things to come.

Hebrews 11: 1 *Now Faith is the **Substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen,*

Now in examining this scripture, we see the word substance means assurance, and in **Hebrews 1:3** it is used also as the very person and nature of God.

We see then it is not only an assurance to you mentally, but it is the very nature of your having confidence. In other words, it takes over your whole disposition and changes you from a confused creature of circumstances to one who is sure and confident and does everything with a purpose in mind. It's not like athletics testing your ability. Brother Branham didn't think about his ability when somebody came up to be prayed for. He just said that, Your word says he's healed. I lay my hands on him. He's healed. That's faith. You see, now not that I got a muster up. Be thou healed, you know? No, simply. He just held the child in his arms, prayed that God would give her eyes, and He gave her eyes. That's God. All right.

We see then it is not only an assurance to you mentally, but it is the very nature of your having confidence. You see, I can say this. How many in here have faith for the change of the body? I do. I'm looking forward every day. I'm looking with so much anticipation that I don't care if I die or live. I'm going to get my change. I'm going to get my change. I'm going to be 22 years old again or 20 years old again for the rest of my life. I'm going to have hair on my head. I'm going to have a thin body. I'm going to be just what I've always wanted to be. But I couldn't do it on my own.

In other words, it takes over your whole disposition and changes you. And why do I believe that? Because God said it. That's simple. God said it. Therefore I believe it. That settles it. In other words, it takes over your whole disposition and changes you from a confused creature of circumstances to one who is sure and confident and does everything with a purpose in mind.

You are no longer just reactionary in your Christian endeavor, but you become proactive. You have a purpose behind what you do, or you have a purpose on

what you do. You have a plan that is laid out for you, and you simply follow it. Follow the plan, so to speak.

Amplified: Faith is the assurance (In other words, Revelation is the assurance), **(the confirmation, the title deed)** (Well, when I give you the title deed, it's all yours.

Now you just have to have patience for the closing. Right.) *of things we hope for or earnestly expect, being the proof of things, we do not see and the conviction of their reality, faith perceiving as real fact what is not the proof of things.* That is not revealed by the senses.

That's why my prayer for my wife, is not for her five senses. My prayer for her is for the 6th sense, that it'll be so tuned in with God, that you won't even need the five senses.

Habakkuk 2:4 *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

Matthew 8:26 *And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?*

Notice the association between having no faith and being fearful. *Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.* So, we see that faith lacks fear, as fear is caused by not being sure.

When God's said take charge of the meetings and I didn't know how to, how do you stop a storm to take charge of the meeting? But you know what? I just obeyed. And I started walking to the pulpit and the first thing He showed me was Jesus in the big storm on the sea and He calmed the seas. Wow, this is really neat. I'm preaching about, a son of God and other sons of God. And now I see The Son of God. And then my second step, I saw Brother Branham stopping the storm in Colorado. And I said, wow, this is really good. And I went up to the pulpit and I said, I take every spirit under here in my control for the glory of God. Now I wasn't showing off. I was just doing what he told me to do. And God did the rest.

You see **Matthew 8:26** *And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful,*? Well, I could have been afraid and said, I don't know, I better not step forward because the people might call me a name. They might say, oh, he's trying to be like Brother Branham, I'm trying to be is like Jesus. All right. ***Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?*** So you notice the association between fear and little faith. Notice the association between having no faith at all and being fearful. *Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.* So we see that faith lacks fear, as fear is caused by not being sure. And if you're not sure, you don't have faith. But if you're sure you're going to get your body changed, you don't

worry about it. You don't worry about it. You actually look forward. You're looking forward, whatever I got to go through in between here and there, Lord, you know, let it be done. But I know one thing. My final place is resting in Your Presence for all eternity.

Matthew 9:2 *And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus **seeing their faith**, their revelation, **said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.***

Notice that when you have moved from a passive faith into an active faith, others can see the expression of your revelation.

Matthew 9:29 *Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith**, your revelation, **be it unto you.***

So, your active Expression of your passive faith will show in your active faith which is your actions expressing your faith.

Matthew 9:22 *But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.*

So her passive faith believing, became an active faith, of doing. You see God in you to will, and so you've got a will first. Then He does and you do.

So, you become your revelation. Abel offered unto God a bleeding dying lamb, and he became a bleeding dying lamb before God. Jesus said, "**For this is why I have come into this world.**" To be a bleeding, dying lamb.

Matthew 14:31 *And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?***

Notice how doubt is associated with a lack of Faith. You can't doubt and have faith at the same time.

In the Book of James, we read, "**A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.**"

In other words, a man who says, Well, I can, I can't, Some do, some don't. You know. Yeah, perhaps, maybe not. Maybe, maybe so. You're not going to get nothing if you just sit on the fence like that. You got to get off one side of the fence or the other.

Matthew 15:28 *Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, **great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.** (It didn't say as I wilt. As thou wilt.) **And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.***

That's what I told the brother that came to me. He was Pentecostal, and at the end of service we had prayer at the church down there in Kentucky. And I didn't know, but he has stepped on a screw and had developed gangrene, and they already cut off his heel. And he came in on crutches. And boy, I looked at that, and I said, you got gangrene. But you know, I prayed for him that that gangrene spirit would leave. And then I said, I stopped him, and I said, be it done unto thee according to thy will.

And he did will it. And he went back to the hospital and he had only a scar on his bottom of his foot where everything had been cut off, all three layers of skin, his muscles, his tendons, just all of it. And God stopped the gangrene and grew everything back. And he had just a little bit of a scar. And you know what the Pentecostal people told him? Well, if that was God healing you, you wouldn't have a scar. And I said, well, then tell them God didn't raise Jesus from the dead, because he had nail scars on his hands on his feet. So Jacob walked with a limp the rest of his life. So, it's just a testimony that God healed you. So, I can be proud of that because I can say, OK, I may not be able to run and jump and everything else, but God healed me. And the fact that I can't run, jump reminds me that I was paralyzed and that now I'm actually a whole man.

Notice this was just like Hattie Wright, and Jesus also said, "***whatsoever you say. Speak to this mountain and do not doubt and you can move it.***" Your Faith can be used for just about any purpose.

Mark 4:40 *And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?*** Notice again their fear is associated with having no faith.

Luke 8:25 *And he said unto them, **Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, 'What manner of man is this!' for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*** You see, they were looking at the circumstances and not at Him.

And what about creating squirrels? Did not this same faith stop a storm in Colorado?

Luke 17:19 *And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*

Notice his faith made him whole. So, there is an actuating power that moves the invisible to become visible. Like a designer has to think about it before he can design it.

He thinks that he designs it and then he builds it

Acts 3:16 *And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

You see the passive faith in the mind must come out in actions. Thy faith has given him...It activated him. Think about that. Your faith is what activates you.

Acts 15:9 *And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.* So even our Faith, our revelation purifies us.

Now, I thought when I first become a Christian, if I stop doing this, if I stop doing this and I start doing this and start doing this, that maybe God would be pleased. I don't think that way anymore, because my revelation is so far beyond that. I realized I was in Him. I realized that He which is in me is going to perform it. I realized that He's working in me to will to do and all I got to do is just get out of the way. I'm not coming to the baby in the Manger. I'm coming for the faith that He lived by. That's what I've come for.

It's the washing of water by the word. Or as we read in **Psalm 119:9** *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.”*

And not by letter alone, but by His Spirit which He has given us to read His Word. His faith in His revelation cleans *him from Glory to Glory and from image to image.* From Doxa to Doxa. That's **1 Corinthians 3**.

Acts 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith (by the revelation) that is in me.*

Wow. Even the inheritance comes by revelation.

Romans 1:17 *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.*** By Revelation. So, we are to live by this revelation.

Romans 3:22 *Even the **righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:***

Well I'll get into that in another sermon, I was going to say something, but I'll say that for another time because it's coming in No.156. We're going to talk about the sovereignty of God in the election.

And never forget **1 Corinthians 2** says, “**What man can understand the things of God unless the Spirit of God is in him.**” And that Spirit filled understanding we call revelation. Because notice it tells us they are revealed by His Spirit that lives in us.

Romans 3:28 *Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified by faith** without the **deeds of the law.*** And so, we see even our justification comes by faith,

And that justification means you never did disbelieve. Oh, you might not have figured it out for a long time, but that does not mean you didn't believe it. Somehow you're hoping for it, somehow you're believing for it, but you just didn't understand it. You didn't understand how it come. But you can look back when you're a little child and you know that God was leading you.

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being **justified by faith**; we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

So we are justified by revelation. Oh, that's a mouthful. I could preach a whole sermon on that. Do you realize that the Bible says you did do it, but God didn't impute it to you? You realize that we were in Him before the foundation of the world. That means we are part of Him. Do you realize that there's no way, there's no man, there's no sin, there's nothing that can separate you from the love of God? Do you realize it's all you just got to go through the actions and get there? All you have to do is walk from here to there and you're there. Just keep walking. And look what justification will do for you, it gives you a **peace that surpasses all understanding.** When you realize that you will be there and that He is taking you this far, He's going to finish it. He's not going to leave you left behind. And you have all these promises that lay in the future, and you know these promises in the past have already taken place. And God cannot lie. And He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

So in other words, if you were in Him and you were part of Him, and if He saw you then as a predestinated Son of God and glorified you then, you're not going to somehow make the wrong mistake and He's going to cast you out. It's a done deal. It just gives you peace. Peace to know that God loves you so much that He has opened your mind and your heart to His revelation of who He is.

Galatians 2:16 *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith (the revelation) of Christ, and not by the works of the law: (See, it's not by what you do.) for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

Because by the works of the law you can't say, well, I actually did do it, but I didn't do it. But by revelation, you can say I didn't do it because I was not aware.

You see, it's not what you started to do, and quit doing that justifies you, but your believing **that He that began the good work in you will finish it.** It's all about Him.

Romans 4:5 *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

So listen there's a whole lot there. But see, it's not about your working, it's about your believing on Him. He justifies you. You don't justify yourself. You don't have excuses. Yeah, I did it. I'm sorry I did it. But He says you know what? You never did do it. The devil did it. His faith is counted for right-wiseness, revelation, smart.

Notice, once you have come to Him, and Believed in Him, you are not only justified, but you are considered totally righteous, and you never did do it. Now, that does not tell the mistake and completely remove it from your past, but the motive is not imputed to you. Oh, the physical evidence of your mistake is there but the crime is not committed, is not imputed, because the intent was not there. Is that right, Sarah? [Sarah works in the court system.] There's no intent. Therefore it wasn't a crime. It was a mistake. And God does this for us, and what He commands is sovereignly given, and you can't change it. You can't change your outcome. Hallelujah. Listen, I'm just so happy about that. I can just jump and scream and everything else, right now.

Romans 4:13 *For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

The right believing of the Revelation.

Romans 4:16 *Therefore it is of faith* (Revelation), *that it might be by grace;* (and remember Grace is unmerited favor) **to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed.**

So let's read it this way. Therefore it is by faith, therefore it is by something God did. He gave you a revelation, that it might be by grace, that it might be unmerited. To the end that the promise might be sure. The promise might be sure. Get that in your mind. The promise might be sure. He said it. I believe it. It's sure. *not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,*

Romans 4:19 *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead,* It wasn't something he had to work himself up into, so he could have a relationship with his wife. He didn't have it anymore. His wife didn't have it anymore. But God was in him willing, or working to will and to do, *when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:* it wasn't about what they could do.

Romans 4:20 *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith,* (in Revelation) *giving glory to God:*

Romans 5:2 *By whom also we have access by faith* (by Revelation) **into this grace** into this unmerited favor, *wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* So, it is revelation that gives you access to Him and His Grace. And you know that you will have the opinions, values, and judgments of God in you.

Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* You hear His Word, and His Spirit in you makes it live.

Romans 14:23 *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.* (It is unbelieve).

I Corinthians 2:5 *That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.* (It's not about you, it's all about what He did for you,) **for it is God that worketh in you, to will and then to do.**

I Corinthians 13:13 *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.* Is love.

Because it all begins with revelation and then moves into hope which is an earnest expectation, that gives you the motivation to do, and act, which is what love is.

Not you felt like loving, it has nothing to do with how you feel, It's not an emotion. Brother Branham said to Brother Vayle. Brother Vayle said, I don't have this love. I don't see this meekness and different things that you have, Brother Branham. I just don't have it. He said no, you do have love. He said, do you ever do things because you're a Christian and you wouldn't have done them if you weren't a Christian. All the time? So that's love.

It's what you do. Faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these... Look at passive faith, earnestly expecting, which is hope to get out of the passive faith, and an active faith, which is love. All right. Not you felt like loving, it has nothing to do with how you feel, but you acted out your love.

II Corinthians 5:7 *For we walk by faith, not by sight:* by revelation, not by sight.

II Corinthians 13:5 *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.* (In other words, am I acting upon my revelation or not? I can see it, others can see it. Can others use their five senses and know I am a Christian looking for Christ to take us out of here.) *Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith* (the revelation) *of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

I realize I am a son. Now I'm not the eldest son, I'm not even an elder son, but I am to others. I mean, there's a few people that are younger than I am in the Lord, but I'm one of the sons, therefore I'm going to be there. Therefore He's just taking care of the whole thing.

Galatians 3:2 *This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law,* (It's something you did. You got the Holy Ghost? Oh, I spoke in tongues. See, that's just acts.) *or by the hearing of faith?* That's how you got it.

Galatians 3:5 *He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

Did Brother Bosworth empty out a whole school of deaf people, deaf children by something he did or simply by giving them the word?

Brother Branham taught us that even Christ wouldn't have had a ministry if there was no one who had faith to believe it.

So, your own faith pulls on the gift, whatever that gift is whether it be the Five-fold ministry or even God's prophet, or even the Holy Spirit Himself.

Galatians 3:7 *Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.***

How do you know that you're of the royal seed of Abraham? My faith tells me I am. My revelation tells me that I'm one and the same.

And if we are Children of Abraham, we are children of God. And we have one eldest brother who showed us by example how to live.

Now, let me just take a few more minutes and give you a quiver full of scriptures while I read them to you, so that you might understand better how your revelation works Grace into your life, and thus it gives you a peace with God trusting in Him to finish the work He has begun in you.

Galatians 3:8 *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the heathen through faith**, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed.** And guess what? All nations have become blessed.*

Galatians 3:9 *So then they which be of faith **are blessed with faithful Abraham.***

You are blessed with faithful Abraham. You're part of what Abraham was given. Wow. You're part of what Jesus was given. Wow.

Galatians 3:14 *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive **the promise of the Spirit through faith.***

You see, you know the law of inheritance says, when the eldest son is adopted, he gets 50% of everything the father had. But then when the father dies the rest of the children, but then we have a problem because we have a Father that can't die. He's the only immortal king. So Jesus said guess what, no greater love has the man than he lay down his life for his brethren. I'm going to die so that they can share with me and we become joint heirs with, with, with, with Christ. Everything He has, You have, Wow. New Jerusalem. Yes, New Jerusalem.

Galatians 3:24 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be **justified by faith.***

When I realized I was in Him, then I look at my past in this flesh as a young man, everything else, and just say, you know what? It never happened. It is just not

there. God imputed. He put it in the sea of forgetfulness. I'm so enamored by the way that we as human beings can dive down to the depths of the sea of forgetfulness and pull things up and say, I found it. You did this, you did that. It's in the sea of forgetfulness.

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:26 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

There is your evidence that you are a son of God, that you have received the Word for your hour, and you're living it.

Galatians 5:5 *For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

Galatians 5:6 *For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, and revelation.* That's one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:15 *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith (your revelation) in the Lord Jesus, (notice) and your love unto all the saints, (I saw that revelation work itself into your actions,)*

Ephesians 3:12 *In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.* (Wow. Our revelation brings us access to God Himself.)

Ephesians 3:17 *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

Ephesians 4:13 *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all (ALL) the fiery darts of the wicked. 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* Quoted the eldest brother.

Philippians 3:9 *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (by Revelation):*

Colossians 1:21–23 *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath **he reconciled** In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled**, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

Colossians 2:7 *Rooted and built up in him, and **stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

I Thessalonians 1:3 *Remembering without ceasing **your work of faith**, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.*

II Thessalonians 1:3 *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that **your faith groweth exceedingly**, and the **charity** (the outward faith, the outward revelation) of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;*

II Thessalonians 1:11 *Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling,*

I have so many scriptures, I just don't have time to explain every one of them. All right. But you can go back and read them for yourself.

*Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of [his] goodness, and the **work of faith with power**:*

I Timothy 3:13 *For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great **boldness in the faith** (in their revelation) which is in Christ Jesus.*

I Timothy 4:6 *If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **nourished up in the words of faith** and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.*

I Timothy 6:12 ***Fight the good fight** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

II Timothy 3:15 *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto **salvation through faith** which is in Christ Jesus.*

Philemon 1:6 *That the **communication of thy faith** (thy Revelation) **may become effectual** by the acknowledging of **every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.***

Hebrews 4:2 *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.***

In other words, you see, you have the word, Ok. We have the Word. He said, not in Word only, but by spirit, right? So we have the word only. But, you see, when the Word comes into you and it mixes with your revelation, see, it now brings you to the place where you understand. You see, no man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in him. So now you're understanding. That's your revelation.

Hebrews 6:12 *That ye be **not slothful**, but followers of them who through **faith and patience inherit** the promises.*

Hebrews 10:22 *Let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Hebrews 10:23 *Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith **without wavering**; for he is faithful that promise.*

Hebrews 11:3 ***Through faith** we understand that the **worlds were framed** by the word of God, (So knoweth that by revelation we understand that the world's were framed by the word of God. It was His revelation that did it.) *so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel **offered** unto God a **more excellent sacrifice** than Cain, (By revelation he offered.) *by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**

Hebrews 11:5 *By faith (by Revelation) **Enoch was translated** that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith (without revelation) [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Hebrews 11:7 *By faith (by Revelation) Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

Hebrews 11:11 *Through faith (through Revelation.) also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

Hebrews 11:23 *By faith, (by Revelation.) Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, (That was his parents. It wasn't Moses Revelation, it was his parents.) because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*

Hebrews 11:27 *By faith (by Revelation,) he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*

Hebrews 11:28 *Through faith (through Revelation) he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*

Hebrews 11:29 *By faith (through Revelation) they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*

Hebrews 11:30 *By faith (by Revelation) the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.*

Hebrews 11:31 *By faith (by Revelation) the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*

Hebrews 11:33 *Who through faith subdued kingdoms, (who through revelation subdued kingdoms) wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*

What do you mean? Through Revelation they subdued kingdoms. Well listen. The giants were three times their size. Huge men and they said, oh we're like grasshoppers, we can't do it. And Joshua and Calab said, but God said we can. Through revelation we can and we will. All right. Who through revelations subdued Kingdom brought righteousness.

Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus **the author and finisher of [our] faith** (of our Revelation; So, it's not even what you're going to do, is it's what He's doing for you.) **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***

Hebrews 13:7 *Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: **whose faith follow,** (whose revelation follow) **considering the end of their conversation.***

James 1:3 *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith (your Revelation) **worketh patience.***

James 1:6 *But let him **ask in faith,** (ask in Revelation) **nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

James 2:5 *Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, (rich in Revelation,) **and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?***

James 12:17 *Even so faith, (Revelation) if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee **my faith by my works.***

In other words, you say. Well, I got this great passive faith. I believe the prophet did this. Prophet did that. What about you? What about you? Where's your revelation?

James 2:22 *Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and **by works was faith** (was revelation) **made perfect? That word is teleioo** {tel-i-o'-o} and it is a verb meaning to make perfect, to finish off, to **fulfill, to be perfect, to consecrate** 1) to make perfect, **complete**; to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, **to bring to the end (goal)***

So in other words, I am born again. I know I will be adopted. I'm now on my road on my trip to that adoption. How soon they'll be? It depends on how much I can let go and just let God.

James 5:15 *And **the prayer of faith shall save the sick,** (the prayer of Revelation shall save the sick,) **and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.***

I Peter 1:5 *Who are kept by the power of God through faith* (through revelation) **unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

I Peter 1:7 *That the **trial of your faith**, being much **more precious than of gold** that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be **found unto praise and honor and glory** at **the appearing of Jesus Christ.*** And we know that this is the appearing.

I Peter 1:9 *Receiving the **end of your faith**, (the end of your revelation.) **even the salvation of your souls.***

I John 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*** (Even our revelation. The very fact that you have revelation, it makes you an overcomer. Wow, think about that makes you an overcomer.)

Ephesians 2:8 *For by **grace are ye saved through faith**; (through revelation) **and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:***

I Peter 4:10 *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

So every man that has received the gift of what, the gift of revelation, we so minister to the same to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, We're so thankful, Lord, for your grace and mercy and Lord, but more importantly for the gift of faith, which is revelation. Now we know Your Son was come, He come to earth, and that was so that you could indwell Him and Your Presence, Your Presence.

You are the fountain of life, and he that believeth on Me shall never die, Jesus said, But he shall live eternally. So Lord, we know that the shepherds came, and they brought with them those that were in attendance with them.

And so, Lord, their mission in life was to point the people to the Messiah, to the eternal fountain of life. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen. Amen. God bless you.