

HOW TO HAVE FAITH

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“Now faith is the assurance of {things} hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” “And without faith it is impossible to please {Him}, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and {that} He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

In Galatians 3:26 it says, *“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”* The faith I am addressing in this message is not salvation faith -- the greatest of all miracles, but the faith to believe God for day-to-day miracles of provision, healing and deliverance. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I trust through this article, individuals will develop an understanding of how to have faith.

As humans, we may be able to believe God in thousands of different areas, but in one or multiple areas, we find ourselves unable to trust. Doubt and unbelief in any part of our life is fruit of a defiled conscience and unconfessed sin. This could be from sins in our own life or passed down from forefathers.

Faith teachers erroneously would have us believe faith can be summoned up or called forth. Many people wrongfully think faith can be obtained by putting themselves in the correct psychological frame of mind. This will not work. In spite of all our trying, it can't be mustered up.

The Bible clearly teaches us how to have faith.

I John 3:21 says that a clear conscience is necessary to having a strong faith. The New American Standard version says, *“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence (faith and trust) before (in) God. Faith is a gift that God imparts to us in any given area(s) when our conscience is clear.”*

Some years back when I was pastor of a church, God clearly taught me the faith principle as I woke up one morning with a crick in my back. The next Sunday at church, an elder and his wife anointed me with oil and prayed for my back. As they prayed, a little voice in side of me said, “You are not healed.” And I wasn't. I went on about my business thinking it would work itself out in a day or two. By the next Sunday, the crick was still there. That particular morning, before I was to preach, I looked up every Scripture on my computer about the back. I repented over each Scripture and broke the curses of the generational iniquities of my forefathers. As I was getting dressed for church, I heard the Lord exclaim, “YOU ARE HEALED!!!!” My spirit man leaped within me screaming out, “YES!!!” I knew that I knew -- I was healed. Even though the crick was still in my back, even if I tried -- I could not doubt that I was healed.

By the time I got to church that morning, the crick in my back was completely gone. You see after I repented over each back Scripture, my conscience was clear. God had sent His Word to heal me.

Psalm 107:20 says, *“He sent His word (Jesus) and healed them, and delivered {them} from their destructions.”* It says in Psalm 103:1-5, *“Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, {bless} His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with loving-kindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, {So that} your youth is renewed like the eagle.”*

Praise the Lord for His word sent to bring healing and release to our lives. Hallelujah!!

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