Introduction: Many of the most memorable passages in the Bible contains the word "faith." **Romans 1.17; 2 Corinthians 5.7, Ephesians 4.5, Hebrews 11.1** and so on. Yet many do not understand what the Bible means by faith.

**I) Wrongful Definitions**

**A) -- Acts 17.22-23.**

**B) A , feeling of probability, a gamble**

**C) Something totally**

**D) That which is inherited from ones parents, or that which God bestows on us**

**II) Defining Faith By Usage**

**A) Faith is the body of doctrine delivered to us, the , The , Jude 3**

1. First mentioned in **Acts 6.7.**

a. Spread by preaching, **Acts 14.21-22**

b. Shown in **Romans 10.8,17.**

**2. There is just faith, Ephesians 4.5**, **17**, **1 Timothy 1.19; 2 Timothy 2.17-18**

3. **1 Corinthians 16.13** How can we stand in the faith?

4. Difference between faith and superstition, **Acts 17.30**

**B) Faith in us -- , etc. 2 Corinthians 1.24**

1. Conviction, trust in God, what the Bible says.

2. Only used twice in the Old Testament, **Deuteronomy 32.20; Habakkuk 2.4.**

3. Lack of faith means a lack of trust or conviction, **Matthew 8.26**

a. Contrasted with **Matthew 8.10**

4. This faith is under our control, **2 Peter 1.3-5**

**III) Importance Of Our Study**

**A) Our faith ( ) depends on (word of God, doctrine of Christ)**

1. It grows in proportion to our understanding of God's word, **Romans 14.1**

2. The more we understand; the better we can serve God**, Romans 6.17-18**

**B) Who is responsible for your faith?**

**C) See the two faiths together in Romans 1.16-17**

1. **Romans 14.23** if we do something without conviction or something we think is wrong then we are wrong.

2. This does not mean my convictions are to be separated from God's word; but based on God's word.

**D) Hebrews 11.6 Why? Even obedience can be a superstition, a gamble, a hunch; without faith!**