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WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH I

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. KJV

Gradually, we are moving closer to the end of the year 2023. What a joy and blessing to be able to count that in all things, our God has proved himself faith-ful in our lives. Happy eleventh month of the year, I rejoice with you and trust that you will continue to keep yourself in the love of God.

Last month, we learned of the hope of the gospel, it's advantages to our lives and the reality that hope is an essential biblical truth that holds our lives together as God's children. By hope in God, we can't be ashamed and also our expectation of the truths, written in his words, will surely come to pass, for when we hope for what we do not see, we patiently wait for it.

The Lord isn't through with us on this subject, as by the power of his spirit, I am persuaded to bring before us the understanding of God's word on Faith, which combines the element of hope in its existence. Faith does not exist without hope. It's gives life to hope and enables hope to mature into physical reality though just like hope, faith is entirely spiritual, however, its substance is expressed by physical action.

The Amplified version of Hebrews 12:1 will provide certain clarity to our minds, let's read; Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]. Hebrews 11:1 AMP

Kindly take note of two major description of faith from the above text: Faith is an assurance and also an evidence of things that is not seen. Furthermore, Faith comprehends as facts (truth, reality) what cannot be experience by physical senses. Thus, Faith is a step ahead of physical senses, as it comprehend unseen desire as true and hold it as an assurance of what is hope for or desired.

As beautiful as this is, it is good to understand where faith comes from? Just as I pointed out earlier that faith is spiritual. I will also add that it is inherent in man and everything that upholds the whole world. Man is created by a God whose identity is full of faith, it is from him that all men are wired to be a creature that deals by faith. However, this reality is pronounced when a man take the step to recognise God by his will or decision.

Thus, Faith is simply defined as belief and trust. For the Christian, Faith to us is to believe in God, it is to trust in God. Just as Hebrews 11:3 record that by faith we believe that the world were framed by the word of God. Faith is acknowledging that God exist and he made all things by the power of his word. John 1:1, Genesis 1:1. Don't despise your identity, you are made of faith.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for a new month of grace, goodness and glory. This month and beyond, I ask that you stir my heart in absolute trust in your name and in your word in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2022

TOPIC: FAITH II

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. KJV

It is never ordinary for anyone to believe in the spiritual creation or formation of the world. Many believe in many other ways through which the whole world came into existence. We were taught in school the Big bang theory of how the universe was created. All these diverse scientific explanation of the creation of the world is totally independent of Bible truths and must not be mixed up with it.

The Bible is a spiritual book written to explain the identity of an invisible God, who by his indefinite and ultimate power came as man into the world to establish truth, righteousness and unlimited faithfulness. Thus, the scientist are all inclusive in the ever wonder working power of God towards men to search out truths about existence. Thus, their findings are part of God's indefinite wisdom, which is not expected to become a contention with Biblical explanations or interpretations. The Bible isn't a science book, but a spiritual book which speaks largely of an immortal God and his dealings with men.

Allow the scientists to rest! Acknowledge their wisdom. It is God given but never study and interprete the Bible through the lenses of scientific explanation or exonerate it in a bid to defeat scientific proves. The Bible is not for contention but for the man whose hearts and minds has been breathed upon by the invisible power of God to willingly trust in him and the truths written to explain his works, dealings and character.

It takes faith in God to believe that the world were framed by the word of God. Again, the Amplified version will help our insight, let's read; By faith [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God] we understand that the worlds (universe, ages) were framed and created [formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose] by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3 AMP

Faith is further described as the inherent trust, enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God. This is so beautiful! Faith in God is surrounded by the truth that what is seen is not made of the things which are visible. So, the visible is made by the invisible. This is God's faith, the Bible faith, the spiritual connotation of faith.

And if you read carefully, you will realise that the universe are put together for God's purpose. This further buttress the point that sciences and its facts are for God's purpose. Don't fight it, receive it as a blessing from God, learn from it and use it; However, acknowledge your faith in spiritual worth, which is entirely trusting in what cannot be seen as the truth that creates what is seen. Faith is inherent in your spiritual consciousness and physical actions.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I ask that you open the eyes of my understanding to behold the truth about my belief and trust in your word. Help me to hold strongly to absolute trust in you in Jesus' name. Amen

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH III

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:2

looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; 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. KJV

Faith for salvation of the souls of men is anchored on Christ Jesus, the one who was delivered for our offenses and raised by the power of God for our justification (Romans 4:25). Hence, we reckon that a man is saved, when he believes in Jesus as the one who died for his sins and invariably believed in God, as the one who raised Jesus, who died for his sins from the dead to be alive forever more. When a man have this fact as an expressed reality in his heart while he boldly declare or confess these statements, he is saved.

However, it is very important to note that no one is capable of declaring this truth outrightly by his human power, will or strength. 1Corinthians 12:3 affirms that no man can say Jesus is the Lord of his life except by the Holy Spirit. Thus, the confession to the death of Jesus and his resurrection which connotes expression of faith is sponsored by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, any man helped by the Holy Spirit will be able to channel his faith to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Again, I bring to you the reality that faith is spiritual though it is inherent in every man because men are created in the image of God. However, when it comes to salvation, such faith is directed by the power of the Holy Spirit to trust absolutely in God and in his only begotten son Jesus Christ. Thus, you are saved by grace through faith, not of yourself; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Grace here stands for the working of the Holy Spirit which enhances the faith resident in your heart towards believing in Jesus, who died for your sins and was raised by the power of God for your justification. It is upon this work of grace, that trust or faith expressed in God through Jesus is counted as righteousness.

We can trace this truth from Abraham, whom God called with the promise to make him a father of many nations. Without receiving the physical manifestation and with every sensible facts showing staggering impossibility, he was persuaded alongside his wife, and his faith in the promise of God was counted as righteousness. Which justifies and qualifies him as one who is separated unto God, not only in this world but in that which is to come. Hence, God placed him high as "Abraham, the Father of faith, the friend of God" (Romans 4:1-23)

Faith in Jesus, saves any man. In him, is faith, initiated for salvation and in him, it is perfected such that after believing and confessing to his name, salvation is perfected. Pray with me to be saved.

PRAYER

Today, I believe in my heart that Jesus died for my sins and was raised from the dead by the power of God for my justification. I confess Jesus as my Lord and saviour, my sins are washed in his blood, I am forgiven and saved. Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen

SATURDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH IV

TEXT: HEBREWS 12:2

looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; 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. KJV

After a man is saved by grace through faith, he continues by the same grace in faith. This is what it means by Jesus being the author and finisher of our faith. It is in him we believed and it will take a continual trust in him which is in God to make progress. Hence, Christianity is commonly referred to as the walk of/in faith. This is so true but very few believers understand what this means in everyday life.

It simply means that in the same manner you believed in Jesus, the day you confess him as your Lord and saviour and believed that God is the one who raised him from the day, will be the same way you are expected to trust him for everything that will take place in your life. Thus, the instruction to study the word of God and pray everyday. This enables and strengthen your faith in him whom you have come to believe and also help you to keep waxing in his strength without depreciating.

However, a believer can depreciate in his faith, when he fails to maintain a glow in the spirit. This refers to the time when the believer become careless, reduces his prayer and study and begin to allow for compromise in his faith and become relaxed with every appearances of evil which is sin. When this happens, the word of God established that God is able to fan to flame the faith of such child of God.

Isaiah 40: 29-31says; He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. KJV

God in his mercies acknowledges the possibility for his children to faint and be weary. He made sufficient provision for it in his word. He says that any who would wait on him and ask for help, will have his strength renewed and weariness disappeared. Your faith in Christ Jesus, the savior is vital to your walk with God. Don't trivialize it. Look unto Jesus, today, tomorrow and the next, for he saved you.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I acknowledge that all that I am, and that I have, is that which you have made of me in Christ Jesus. I am nothing without you and my trust in you is the greatest wealth I have got. Please, help me to keep my heart stayed on you that I might be kept in perfect peace all the days of my life in Jesus' name. Amen

SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH V

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 2:5

that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. KJV

Faith for salvation must stand in the power of God and not in the wisdom of men. Just as I pointed out as we commence this study that faith is inherent in man. We express faith in our everyday life. You believed either consciously or unconsciously that the chair in your living room is good, that's why you can sit on it without thinking twice. You believed that the driver who drove the cab you took down to your house, last night, is experienced, that's why you can sit comfortably and expect that there won't be an accident till you get to your destination safely.

There is practically nothing that we do as human beings on earth that doesn't require a level of faith or the other naturally. However, this faith is heightened by God's power when it comes to salvation of souls or trusting God intentionally. A man is helped by the spirit of God to trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus and confess him as his Lord and saviour. It start with his willingness but not this alone. There is conviction by the unseen force of God, that stirs it up for absolute trust in him.

Apostle Paul addressed the believers in the Church at Corinth, while he spoke emphatically that his preaching before them wasn't sustained by an expression of eloquence but the demonstration of the spirit and power of God. This was needful so that their faith will not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. This is what make the belief in Jesus as the son of God, and saviour of the souls of men different from every other kind of belief. It takes the power of God for a man to be saved.

He also explained in 2Corinthians 4:4 that the man who is yet to believe in the message of the gospel has his heart blinded by the god of this world, whose agenda is to ensure that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ is veiled from the knowledge of men. Thus, they remain in darkness even while the light of salvation shines. This further buttress the truth that faith for salvation is entirely beyond human comprehension. The power of God is involved.

However, the power of God is made manifest by his word preached and expressed in simplicity as embedded in God's word. Therefore, your faith in Christ must continue to wax strong in the power of God. Just as we learnt yesterday, it is possible for a believer to faint or become weary but there is provision in the Lord for strength and vitality. Don't take lightly the matters of your belief in Christ Jesus and the promises in his word anchored by his name. It is the display of God's power on earth.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I ask that you fill my heart with your love and overwhelming grace that I may walk daily with the required capacity to face the world without dwindling in my faith. That my love will not wax cold and my days on earth may be filled with your power in Jesus' name. Amen



MONDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH VI

TEXT: 2CORINTHIANS 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. KJV

Apostle Paul affirmed that the ability to preach the gospel through the lips of men is a treasure that God deposited in earthen vessels (humans whom he saved by his power). Invariably, he acknowledged that it is God who make a man fit for the proclamation of his word of faith through salvation by his power.

Faith is meaningful because there is a supernatural existence that binds man with his creator. Faith has a role to play because God who created all things is alive, yet veiled from human eyes but can be reached spiritually. Thus, he make himself accessible to the heart of men in his son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we can read John 3:16 in this manner;

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son (Jesus); that whosoever (anyone in this world) believes (have faith) in him, should not perish but have eternal life.

God's prepared voyage of connection with him is Jesus, his son. John 3:35-36 says; The Father loveth the Son (Jesus), and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth (have faith) on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not (does not have faith) the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. KJV

It is possible for a man to have natural belief in natural things and it will work for him because he is naturally created with the inherent power to belief in possibilities and have it materialise. But when it comes to salvation and every possibilities that require more than the human intellect to achieve, faith in God is paramount. It is entirely sustained by God's power which is expressed in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ.

This is why not all men are saved, not all men believed in Jesus as the savior and not all men believed in God as the one who raised him from the dead. There are many who would believe in everything else except acknowledging that God gave Jesus to save the world from corruption and gives life eternal. Dear child of God, your faith is paramount as it determines your life here on earth and eternity. Cherish your faith in the Lord Jesus and don't give up on others who are yet to be saved.

PRAYER

Lord I ask that you unleash your power over many whose mind are blinded by the God of this world. I rebuke the darkness and blindness of heart and ask that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, shines in their hearts now in Jesus' name. Amen



TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH VII

TEXT: ROMANS 10:11

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. KJV

The righteousness of God stands on the threshold of faith in Christ Jesus. The ability of God to forgive sins, cleanse from transgression and deliver men from iniquity is established in Christ Jesus; whose blood was shed for the remission of sins and whose resurrection represented the eternal justification of men; unto many who put their trust in him.

Thus, the righteous of God take effect in the life of any man who believes, receives and confess the word of faith which is being preached. Romans 10:6-10 explain these truth in details. It established that the righteousness of God by faith in Christ Jesus enables a man to confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus and believes in his heart that God hath raised him from the dead. The heart and mouth are the two gate way to affirm unto the righteousness of God.

Therefore, faith in Jesus commend on a man God's righteousness as it is earlier explained in Romans 3:21-26, that the righteousness of God is the forbearance of God to forgive the sin of any man through the blood of Jesus and in this, God become a just justifier of such a man because he has put his faith in the atonement of the blood of Christ.

For whosoever that believes on him (Jesus, whose death is the atonement for life), shall not be ashamed. Such a person is free from shame which is eternal condemnation because of his faith in Christ Jesus. Faith for salvation is the basis for every other display of faith that a Christian can exercise as he continue in his walk with the Lord.

The man who is saved and understand the basis of his faith in Christ Jesus, will be able to rightly exercise absolute trust in the Lord. This is supernatural! That a man receives the righteousness of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Which means that God by himself set the seal upon that man that he belongs to him and he is free from condemnation forever. God back such man up with the seal of right deeds in his name and in the blood of Jesus. He who will question this, will have to move the heaven and earth at the same time for the name of the Lord upholds all creation.

What a mighty inheritance we have received in Christ Jesus by faith. Stand strong and tall in your belief in the only living God, don't trade it for silver nor gold. Rather, fan it to flame.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for my faith do not stand in the wisdom of men but in your power and knowledge of your will, that you have called me your own and justify me from every iniquity and condemnation. You rip me off the hands of the enemy and set me up on the rock of your love which is Christ. Help me to keep my gaze on you, now and ever in Jesus' name. Amen

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH VIII

TEXT: ROMANS 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. KJV

The word of God carries with it the faith of God. When a man hears and give attention to God's words, the result is a heart stirred up by faith to act in accordance to what was heard or taught as the case may be. Man is able to trust God when he listens to the word of God.

There is an accidental trust in God. There is an occasional trust in him and there is a firm, true and sincere trust in the Lord. We can depict this from the parable given by Jesus which is referred to as the parable of the sower. The sower went to sow seed, the seed is the word of God and the ground upon which each seed fell upon are the picture of different hearts of men.

Therein, we see different situations and circumstances that can make the word of God become fruitless in the life of any man. However, Jesus established that there is a good ground upon which the seed of God's word is sown and it grew with patience and diligence, despite the cares of the world, the affliction that may arise, and the need for a desire or the other.

Most importantly, the greatest danger that may occur to any man is to hear the word of God and do not understand. That's the seed that fall by the way side. By lack of understanding, the word of God becomes none effective and can not yield faith in the heart of men. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Mark 4:1-20)

Faith in the Lord, comes by hearing or listening to the word of God. Without which whatever zeal, passion, determination or desire is nothing but a mere human strength. Truly, human strength can help any man to achieve certain things in life, as we have established earlier because faith is inherent in man. However, for the things that are spiritually sustained in the Lord, it takes the strength and capacity of God, not just human strength.

Therefore, let not your faith be accidental, occasional or situational, let it be firmly rooted in Christ Jesus, the rock upon which every life is as a building, which will not be moved but will abide forever. The storm may come, the wind may blow and rain may fall but because your faith is standing on a solid foundation, your life won't fall like a pack of cards but will go through each phase with a victorious strength. It's time to saturate your spirit man with God's words, eat and never get satisfied. Drink and never be full. Keep yearning for more of God's words.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. Help me to become more committed and consecrated to your word in meditation, study and prayer. Deliver me from every form of distraction and enable me to give my attention to your word like one who have find a great spoil. Strengthen and help me Lord in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH IX

TEXT: 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 of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. KJV

He who believes in Jesus, lives by the faith he had expressed in him through his death and resurrection. We have earlier established in Romans 10:9-10 that the righteousness that comes by faith is embedded in believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth. Which signifies and separate a man from a casual life to a transformed life in Christ Jesus.

All men are not saved. It is he who expresses his faith in God by trusting in the blood of Jesus, acknowledges it as the atonement for his sin and believes in his heart that God raised him from the dead for his justification that is saved from condemnation and shame as written in Romans 10:11. For whosoever that believes on him shall not be ashamed.

Thus, the believer has stopped living by his strength, power or intellect alone. His life is sponsored by the faith of the son of God. He is considered a man who has been raised from the dead to life from the corruption caused by sin in this world. Now, he is alive in the only begotten son of God, who was also raised from the dead by the power of God. Whose resurrection stand as an eternal prototype for all who believes in him. Hence, Ephesians 2:4-6 says;

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: KJV

You are no longer living by the natural human faith that is capable of co-habiting in this world and is able to thrive in its own capacity but you are living by a higher and a transcend life of the faith of the son of God, Jesus Christ. Within you is the life of the spirit that is able to connect with God and relate with this world and yet not get defile.

This is why you can go through life with its myriad challenges and still remain hopeful when others might fall and find it difficult to rise. You can look at storm and say, yes you are real and I acknowledge that you exist. As a matter of fact, I am in the midst of this but I am not alone. Jesus, the one by whom I live by faith is with me therefore, I can't be carried away. And you can shout with full assurance declaring in the name of Jesus "Storm, I command you by the power in the name of Jesus be still and let there be peace". I tell you, not all men can do this but you can because you live by the faith of the son of God, who loved you and gave himself for you. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus. You are the reason why I am living and I honor you for your presence in my life, my family, my career, my ministry, and towards everything that surrounds me. Jesus, have your way completely in me. Take charge and take all glory. Amen

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH X

TEXT: GALATIANS 3:3

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? KJV

Faith towards God by Christ Jesus began in the Spirit, it's nothing natural. There is a natural faith, it has nothing to do with trusting in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every human being have this kind of faith. It allows every man on earth to relate with the world around him and believe that things takes place and can be worked upon.

It is the natural faith that makes a man decides to travel to another place other than his present abode, drive down or board a vehicle and believes that he will get to his destination safe even when he hasn't gotten there in the real sense. There are certain things that the natural faith that is inherent in man can do. It will enable any man to study, be diligent with his studies and come out with good grades. Everyone goes to school, not only Christians, everyone even the man that claim that there is no God (an atheist).

But when it comes to salvation, faith in God, it is spiritual and sponsored by the power of God. Every man is open to receive this but not everyone might be willing. This is why faith in God comes by hearing the word of God not intellectual books, not fictions, not movies, not logic. It comes by preaching and teaching about God from the Bible. It comes by teaching men the provisions God has made in this world for salvation which is in his only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, Faith is all that God have to offer a man when he gives his attention to him by hearing his words. The power of God stirs those words and life is birth that yearn for deliverance, comfort, joy, rest, hope and eternal inheritance. We can refer to this as convinction. The power of God convincts a man when he hears or listen to the word of God. Thus, it is important never to trivialise the atmosphere of preaching, teaching and listening to God's words.

That's where miracles takes place and transformation in the souls of men occur. Faith begins in the spirit and it takes the spirit of God to continue. The believer must be conscious of this truth and realise that it is the spirit that quickens, the flesh profits nothing. The believer's relationship in and with the Lord is a walk of faith. The justified shall live by faith.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for the outpour of your spirit upon my life. I am not who I used to be because of your mighty hand that is made visible upon my life by the presence of your spirit. I ask that you keep my heart conscious of the truth that my life in Christ is largely directed by the workings of the Holy Spirit, that I may seek to walk by the spirit daily in Jesus' name. Amen

SATURDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH XI

TEXT: JOHN 6:40

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. KJV

Faith is God's will for everyman. The desire of God and that which gives him pleasure is to have all men to have faith in him through Christ Jesus. Jesus understood God's plan even as he came to the world, in the likeness of man which depicted God's humility, he spoke of God's will and established that the Father have pleasure in all who will believe on him.

When the people asked Jesus what the work of God signifies that they might do them, he responded and said; "....This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:29 KJV

The work of God which is placed before every man on earth is to believe (have faith) on him whom he has sent. Outside this work, all other things that a man will do on earth is but nothing. Thus, beyond being a human being is the need to give attention to God who made the heavens and the earth and express faith in him for salvation and also for daily living.

The big question will be, why must I have faith in God through Christ Jesus? Can't I just believe that God exist and that's fine? Well, the word of God give us the answer. You can't just believe that God exist and that's all. This is the first step. To know that God exist is a first acknowledgement. However, there is need to take a stand according to the will of God as we have seen in our main text today.

The will of God is that all men will believe (have faith) in Christ Jesus. This is necessary because in Christ Jesus is all men adopted to become his children by faith. In Christ, all men became born of the Spirit of God, a new creation and are delivered from the arch enemy the devil, whose desire is to rip men out of his true existence. (2Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:5 & Colossians 1:13-14)

Therefore, you can't just believe that God exist without testifying to the Lordship of Christ. You need to acknowledge that Jesus died for your sins and was raised from the dead by the power of God. And his death and resurrection signifies your death to sin and your freedom to receive eternal life and have hope of eternity. Romans 10:9-10 must stand true in your life with absolute convinction by the power of God. Pray with me to be saved

PRAYER

Today, I am willing to come to God in the name of his only begotten son Jesus Christ. I believe in my heart that he died for my sins, and confess with my mouth that God has raised him from the dead by his power for my justification. I also confess him as my Lord and saviour. My sins are forgiven, I am redeemed by the blood of Jesus and I ask that you fill me Lord with the power of your spirit to continue to have faith in your name in Jesus' name. Amen

SUNDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH XII

TEXT: JOHN 6:51

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. KJV

An imperative reason all men must have faith in God by Christ Jesus is because He is the one authorized by God to give life (eternal life) to all men in this world. No one under heaven has that stamp and mandate from God.

Acts 4:12 says; Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. KJV There is no other name under heaven that existed among men through which a man is saved except in the name of Jesus. Faith in that name, all that it represents and all that it has done, bestows upon any man the right to receive the righteousness of God.

Jesus spoke largely about this. He introduced himself as the bread of life: "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth (have faith) on me shall never thirst". John 6:35 KJV. However, he explained further and said that the bread he will give is his flesh. Let's read again; I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: *and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world*. John 6:51 KJV

Thus, it is important to believe in his physical death and resurrection as this signifies his flesh and blood that he gave for the life of the world: With the everlasting power of God which raised him to express that death has lost its eternal hold on any man that is in Christ. Though, such will die physically but can never depart from God eternally. He will only put off this body of flesh and live as immortal as God exist presently. This is the testimony of faith in God by Christ Jesus. Everlasting life, a life that is of God.

Therefore, Jesus spoke and said; Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:54KJV Also, he established that he who eats his flesh and drink his blood as in the figure of expressing faith in him will live by him. Let's read: He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. John 6:56-57 KJV

You are not living by yourself, you are living by Christ Jesus. By your faith in him. This is the truth of your reality. Don't lose sight of it. Guard it jealously.

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus because I live by my faith in you and through your faith in this world. I do not walk alone, you are with me as I live by you and you live by the Father. Therefore, my life is kept secured in your arms. I am saved and secured. Amen

MONDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH XIII

TEXT: JOHN 6:64

But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. KJV

It is not everyman that believes in the testimony of Christ death and resurrection. And I am not just referring to unbelievers but even many, who claim to have receive the love of God in Christ Jesus. Some of us are still on that threshold where we can easily fall of the cliff, if we do not check our heart and solidify our convinctions in the Lord. A psuedo truth can tilt us in the wrong path and off we began to question what we think we know about the Lord or believe in his name.

When Jesus declared himself to be the living bread which everyman must eat to have life, not everyone who were physically present and listened to him believed on all he said. This same order tends to feature in the confession and profession of many who are considered the son of the kingdom.

Do you truly believe (have faith) that Jesus death signifies his body broken for you and his blood shed? Do you have faith in his body and blood and do you know that when you confess and believe on him it signifies that you shared in his body (like eating) and in blood (like drinking) to have life? Just as it is written:

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. John 6:54-55 KJV

It is upon this reality that many churches practiced the communion table as an act of obedience to the faith of Christ by which we live in him. It is to express and establish in a way of remembrance the certainty of our faith and allegiance to Christ, our Lord. That table of communion widely practiced in most Pentecostal and orthodox churches in itself has no power if any man named with the name of Christ will approach it without the knowledge of his death and resurrection as the ultimate expression and sustaining power of his faith.

When you do not believe absolutely in Jesus the son of God, you might be susceptible to betray him. Judas is an example of one who betrayed his faith in Jesus. Truly, the story is of prophecy. Jesus must be sold and betrayed however, much more is that his faith wasn't outrightly true in the Lord. Remember, Peter fell into the same, but his faith was strengthened even after the denial. Peter's faith was true in the Lord and we will examine that in the next two lessons. Be careful, it's dangerous not to have a solid faith in the Lord Jesus.

PRAYER

Lord, I come to you with an open heart, I ask that you help me and work upon the sincerity of my heart. Let my trust and confidence in you be firm, strengthened and built up. Help me to make progress in my fellowship with you and increase my desire to know you much more than before in Jesus' name. Amen

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH XIV

TEXT: 1JOHN 2:22

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. KJV

The crux of our faith in Jesus is that we abide in him without wavering. A child of God must not fall into the deception of the enemy to find himself denying his Lord under whatever circumstances or situation. Not all men have faith in Jesus and these men are referred to as antichrist.

John 2:18 says; Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. KJV

There are many antichrist, not just one but many persons who are against the Christian faith. The challenging truth as written in the word of God is that these people at the beginning started out as those who have faith in Christ. On the long run, for a reason or the other, they became the enemies of the gospel of faith, let's read the next verse; it says;

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 1 John 2:19 KJV

They used to be a onetime believer or supposedly believer. However, they are not any longer because of the basic truth that they deny the faith by denying the efficacy of Christ as the Savior of the souls of men. The word of God called these set of people a liar because they deny that Jesus is Christ. They do not outrightly have faith in his works and what he represents.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also . 1 John 2:23 KJV

My prayer for you is that the good Lord will open your heart to behold the precious deed embedded in your faith towards God through Christ Jesus. It is that which you cannot afford to trade for anything else. Faith is the most precious thing on earth. What and who you believe in expresses who you are. He who must come to God must come through Jesus, the way, truth and the life and must have faith in him as the Savior. Without which a man stand as an antichrist. May you never be an antichrist unknowingly, fighting the same truth that upholds your faith in the Lord. May you not believe the lies of the enemy in Jesus' name.

PRAYER

Thank you Lord, please help me to walk in the understanding of your will for my life in Christ Jesus. Please Lord, let me not walk in darkness nor believe the lies of the enemy. Let my actions not betray my identity in you. Let me not function as an anti-Christ in actions and deeds. Help me Father to be sincere with my faith in the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH XV

TEXT: JOHN 6:68

Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. KJV

With the words of Jesus in John 6:51-58 which established that he is the living bread and all who would have life in them will eat his flesh and drink his blood. Many who heard him didn't understand what he meant and couldn't resonate with the reality of Jesus, as the one ordained by God as the Savior of the world and faith in him is life eternal. Thus, they failed to believe and it was established that many went back from following him.

However, Jesus turned to his disciples and asked; "Will ye also go away?" John 6:67 KJV. Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. John 6:68-69 KJV

One would have thought that he spoke on behalf of all the twelve disciples but we have an account in John 14:5-11 about Thomas and Philip's unbelief as touching Jesus' identity and union with the Father. Thus, Simon Peter only spoke for himself. He understood that there is no one else sent by God aside Jesus and he has the words of eternal life.

Peter have faith in the person of Jesus. All that he represented and the truth about his identity as the Savior of the world. Thus he declared saying that he has the assurance and faith that Jesus is Christ (the anointed one) and the son of the living God. Peter amidst all the twelve believe in Jesus as the Christ and the son of the living God, the one who is the author of eternal life through salvation in his death and resurrection.

Your faith in Jesus isn't dependent on the view or decision of others. It's not a public opinion or a joint affirmation. It is personal and involves you and the Savior. You cannot rest in the convinction or the belief of another neither can you make a success of your walk in the Lord by what others believed about the faith. You must personally come to the point where you are convincted and convinced beyond confusion that Jesus is Lord.

Not just Lord in generic term but is worthy to be the Lord over your life and all that you are. You must have considered him to be worthy of your submission and allegiance. This is when your faith does not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. If for any reason you are not truly persuaded, there is going to come a time when your faith and submission to the Lord will go through fire and water. The result will most likely be that you will suffer loss because you are yet to be truly persuaded. Dear child of God, your faith in Jesus is the best of your life on earth.

PRAYER

Lord, Just like Abraham, bring me to the point of true persuasion. Let me be convinced without confusion that Jesus is all that matters. Empty me of every high sounding philosophy and intellectual deception that might cloud my spirit of true persuasion. Please Lord, let me not realise that I have believed a lie and walk with an imperfect heart before you. Lead me into the way everlasting in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: ABRAHAM'S FAITH I

TEXT: ROMANS 4:3

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. KJV

What did God told Abraham that he believed? God gave him a promise that he will become the Father of many nations and that in him shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. God gave him this promise when he had no child. This promise lasted for many years, but the scripture established that Abraham alongside his wife held to the promise even though there was nothing, physically, they could trust that what the Lord has said will be fulfilled.

By so doing, God counted Abraham's trust in his word as righteousness unto him. Because he trusted or have faith that all that God has said he has the capacity to bring it to pass even when physically it seems hopeless and impossible. Romans 4:5 described it as **the ability of a man to believe in God who justifies the ungodly, such act of faith is counted as righteousness**

Galatians 3:8 explain that the promise of God to Abraham that he will be the father of many nations and his wife Sarah will be the mother of nations is God's message to preach the gospel to him. So, that promise was beyond the promise of a child. It was God preaching to Abraham to see into the future for a time when the world will stern from the faith of a man and thousands will believe in God by faith. Let's read;

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. Galatians 3:8 KJV

Indeed all the nations were blessed through him which stood for the blessing in Christ Jesus. Thus, whenever you read the books of the new testament, starting from Mathew except the book of John, you will come across the genealogy of Jesus, traced down to Abraham and then to Adam. Jesus was the template of God's promise to Abraham which came through many generations before the fulfilment of that which God would do for the whole world. To save and deliver from sin and death.

Abraham believed God who gave the promise that he will become the father of many nations. Romans 4:17 reveal this: (as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. KJV

Abraham faith stood on the threshold of the identity of God. He trusted absolutely and walk in obedience. Your faith is tangible, don't despise it rather live in it. It's your life!

PRAYER

Lord, just like Father Abraham, whose life is the template of faith as written in the scriptures, please help me to abide faithful to your promises and take up your word as true and potent. Stir my heart to see the invisible and appreciate your power at work in my life in Jesus' name. Amen

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: ABRAHAM'S FAITH II

TEXT: ROMANS 4:21

and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. KJV

Abraham trusted that God has the capacity or power to do whatever he has said. The account of his trust became the template by which the righteousness of God became his possession. We are not left in confusion has to how this happened. Romans 4:18-21 explain this, haven established that he believed God who quickens the dead and calls those things that be not as though they were; let's read;

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: Romans 4:18-19 KJV

he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Romans 4:20-21 KJV

He wasn't weak in faith, he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief and he was strong in faith; with the full assurance that what the Lord has said to come to pass in his life will surely take place. He was fully persuaded in God's ability, capacity and power. He judged God faithful to his word. It is upon this reality that his trust was ascribed as righteousness.

When a man judges God faithful, trusting in his ability and the power of his word; his faith is acceptable before God. He has expressed that beyond the situation, God is true and his words are right. This is the reality of the gospel. When a man hears and count the message to be true, trusting in the faithfulness of God's words. Such man is saved and his faith in the message of Christ is counted as righteousness.

Upon this reality, Romans 4:22 says; this kind of righteousness that Abraham received, we will experience, if we believed on him who raised Christ from the dead, the one who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification. Don't doubt God's faithfulness, it is wholly expressed in Christ Jesus. He is the ensign that God is faithful throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. There is a world that doesn't end, Jesus is the door to that world, you can't continue in unbelief as regards the message of salvation. Trust God, believe in his son Jesus Christ. Pray with me

PRAYER

Today, I confess that Jesus has become my Lord and saviour and I believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead for my justification. My faith in God is counted as righteousness unto me, therefore, I stand perfect in Jesus' blood shed for the remission of my sins. I receive forgiveness of sins today, my life is transformed and I have eternal life. Amen

SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: SARAH'S FAITH

TEXT: HEBREWS 11:11

Through faith 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. .KJV

Sarah, Abraham's wife received the promise to become the mother of nations alongside her husband. The word of God was to them and not to Abraham only. Just as her husband judged God to be faithful, Sarah aswell believed in God's words towards them. She have faith in his ability to perform in accordance to his words. Thus, she received strength to bear the child, Isaac before she got pregnant. She was convinced that God will do as he has said.

Though, we have the account in Genesis 18:10-15 of how she laughed in mockery to the word of God and she denied that she didn't laugh. This shows that from the beginning she wasn't sure and because of this, nothing significant happened despite the faith of her husband. But after God's promise came to them again saying *at the time of life, Sarah shall have a son*, I perceived that she adjusted her trust in the Lord and just as it was said, she received the ability to birth that which the Lord has said.

Though, the promise was more than the child Isaac, however, through him and many other generations after, the seed; Jesus came forth and God's words of making them the father and mother of nations was fulfilled. For in Isaac, the seed was called. The word of God towards them was fulfilled, now the world must come to God through Christ Jesus. Nations receive Jesus as the Lord and saviour. Nations are called in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

The writer of Hebrews affirmed that it was through faith that Abraham and his wife Sarah lived the kind of life that they lived. They only trusted God, didn't received the actual fulfilment of God's promise aside from the child Isaac, yet that acted on God's words absolutely, knowing that he is faithful to bring his promise to pass even as he choose them as a conduit of his words.

God has not stopped working with, in and through men. The best of God was when he came as a man in the person of Jesus to the world. He took on flesh and perfected the word and walk of faith that has been since generation even as the promise was made. He was faithful in that he fulfilled his word all by himself. There is nothing too hard for him to do. Thus, he reconciled the world to himself in Christ Jesus. He is able to save the world and he did in Christ and asked that all should believe in what he has done. Do you have faith in God? Do you belief in what he has done in Christ Jesus? This is the peak of God's relationship with men.

PRAYER

I confess that I believe in what God has done in Christ Jesus. I have faith in him, who died for my sins and was raised by the power of God for my justification. I believe in God's grace, mercy, righteousness, justification and redemption. I trust that God is faithful to his words in Christ Jesus, now and ever. Amen

SUNDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN GOD I

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 8:6

but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. KJV

What you believe as touching your faith in God is crucial to your salvation. You cannot disregard or discard what you believe and your understanding of it. Salvation starts and end on the pendulum of faith. Nothing else explain and expresses the reality of God and his only begotten son Jesus Christ, whom he sent has the saviour of the World outside faith. Thus Hebrews 11:6 says;

But without faith 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 11:6 KJV

Faith is where we find God and not just many other gods as we have in this world but the only living God. Many can trust in other God, and acknowledge that their faith is in it but for the believer, we have but one option, only one choice and our commitment must be towards him, who is the living God. We can define our God in the narration of Apostle Paul in our text above, while he spoke to the church at Corinth about the distinct and unique difference of God from many other lords and god's that exist in the world, among whom men serves. Let's read 1Corinthians 8:5-6 again;

For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and Lords many,) but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. 1 Corinthians 8:5-6 KJV

We have one God, the Father unto whom all things belongs and one Lord, Jesus Christ by whom all things are created and through whom we exist. The truth of the Christian faith is establish on this simple yet powerful statement. Your faith as a Christian must attest to the truth that you are made to exist in Christ Jesus and your life is in him.

John 1: 1-4 must be your absolute reality, it says; In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. KJV Also verse 14, tells us that the word became flesh and his glory was that of the only begotten son of God, who was full of grace and truth. This is our testament and must be your convinction as one whose faith is in the living God.

PRAYER

Thank you Father because I am not confused about my identity in this world. I know whose I am and from who I come from. I have a convincted answer to what my life and destiny hold and I know what purpose I am called into this world. I ask Father that you help me to always acknowledge my identity and never get confused at any time in Jesus' name. Amen

MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN GOD II

TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:4

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; KJV

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:5-6 KJV

Regardless of the many denomination, the body of Christ is a union of one man, who is Christ. Everyone find expression in him. He cannot be divided, neither can he be parted into many and diverse culture. I agree that men has tried to divide him into many parts via culture, philosophy, traditions, rudiments of men, human standards and laws, yet his face in his holy word is the same. He is Christ the head of the Church, the husband and the saviour of the body, his bride.

Many are also cut in the web of arrogance, pride, ignorance and love of material possession; then they tried to paint him with earthly fashion, yet his color remain the blood of the everlasting covenant. He decides to remain painted as one who died for the sins of men, let no man think him as the one whose interest is in fame, popularity, governance or rulership of any earthly kingdom. His desire remain the same. **Thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**. Every and any other desire is not of him.

Should I mention many who assume to be his follower, yet think that they can meddle with other gods, who are but nothing or compare their faith in him as a common ground, making statement like "we serve the same God, our God is one, it's just difference in religion*. I laugh when I hear such statement. It defines the person who is speaking to me as an ignorant believer. Such should run after the knowledge of God's words and be ready to be taught diligently.

Not at all, we don't serve the same God and we don't have one God. Our religion is different from theirs because the testament of our belief is different. Any man who does not believe that Jesus came in the flesh and he is the son of God, can't be part of our faith. This is the basis of our faith in God. We believe in God, the Father, God, the son and God, the Holy Spirit, this three, are one. (1John 5: 7-8)

He who doesn't believe in the Father and the son is an anti-Christ. Thus, since we don't have the same belief, it means that we don't have faith in the same God. And because we don't have faith in the same God, our God cannot be the same or one. Not at all. We have many gods and many lords but for the Christian, we have but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by him. Don't mix your faith with others. Understand what you stand for as a Christian and testify to your faith daily

PRAYER

Thank you Father, I know unto whom I have sworn allegiance. I don't mix my faith with others who do not belief in my convinction or whose belief are a combination of falsehood. Help me lord not to get toppled and confused by others whose faith is directly opposite mine. Give me a clear understanding and boldness to hold unto my faith in you in Jesus' name. Amen

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN GOD III

TEXT: 1TIMOTHY 1:17

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. KJV

The Christian serve a God who is eternal, in the heavens. The one whose dwelling is invisible yet he made himself visible and known to all who expresses their faith in him. His visible nature is seen in his son Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:15-17 described the visible nature of God in Christ Jesus, it says;

He is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible], the firstborn [the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator] of all creation. For by Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, [things] visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him [that is, by His activity] and for Him. And He Himself existed and is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. [His is the controlling, cohesive force of the universe.] AMPV

All who desires to know the God of the Bible will have to behold the image of Christ, for in him, the only living, immortal, invisible and only wise God expressed himself. Yet, many of us haven't seen Jesus physically before. But we have heard of him, learn of him, were taught about him and have read of his earthly walk in the Bible. How then did we get convinced that Jesus truly exist?

This is the difference between faith in God through Christ Jesus and whatever other means that many seems to believe ignored that they may reach out to God. There is no other way, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life; no man can come to the Father except through him. We are convinced that Jesus came as a man and lived on this planet earth, carried out the assignment of God for his life, was betrayed, crucified, dead, buried and was raised by the power of God through the potency of God's power. That is, we believe by God's power.

This takes us back to the very starting point of this study, that faith in God for salvation is sustained by the power of God while faith for other things is natural and inherent in all men as long as they are in the body of flesh in this world. Thus the Bible is a faith book. Everything explained, narrated and written therein is to communicate to us the existence of God in an image which is Jesus. Without which, all other image is falsehood. Your faith in God is the same as your faith in Christ. There is no difference. It's one and the same.

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus. I believe in you, I believe that you are the son of God. I believe that you were raised by the power of God to establish victory for me over death and sin. I believe in the eternal work of redemption and I believe that you have given me eternal life. Amen

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN GOD IV

TEXT: PHILIPPIANS 4:20

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. KJV

Another distinct feature of the Christian faith is the relationship that we have with God. He is our father not just our God. In his invisible, eternal, immortal and wise nature has he become to us a heavenly Father. This relationship is what we received as a title deed in Christ Jesus. His fatherhood nature though became vivid to our minds in Christ, however, it spans through the scripture. From the old testament to the new. God is a Father, the word of God established him as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and ours as well.

The Old Testament saints knew him as the Father. Isaiah 63:16 says; Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our Father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. KJV

Therefore, our faith in Christ is hinged on the reality that God is our Father. This isn't the same for many other religion. Some even question the manner at which the Christian boast in God as the Father and find it erroneous that Jesus is referred to as the son of God. Yet, this is our testament that there is a God, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and we in him and by him. Our faith holds true to the reality of God the Father, God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit. And these three are one.

Romans 11:36 says; For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. KJV

Everything in heaven and earth exist in him. Nothing exist after him. He is the word which was in the beginning through which all things were made. It is the same word that became flesh. God is such a great mystery that can only be unraveled in Christ Jesus. This is why it is important for you as the child of God to understand the profession of your faith without wavering. Inorder to be able to tell whosoever that ask you the reason for your confidence in the Lord in wisdom and humility.

There are many confused, concocted and confirmed pseudo truths that are nothing but lie from the enemy of our souls in Christ. Therefore, you can't afford to generalise your faith in God or assume that the next person beside you believes in the same God as you do. He might not have faith in your God and he might believe in God but not believe in Jesus, as his son. You have been named with the name of Christ, wear this badge of Identity with eternal pride and stand firm in your faith towards God.

PRAYER

Thank you Father because with all assurance and boldness I can call you my father in whom I trust and through whom I exist on earth. I am not ashamed of your name neither am I ashamed of my faith in you. This is the best of my life and I live in honour to your name in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN GOD V

TEXT: 1JOHN 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. KJV

You must not lose grip of the truth that as a child, your relationship with God is that of a Father and son. Jesus without fail expressly reveal to us the integrity of God as a Father. But it's not just in the New Testament that this truth is found. As I pointed to us yesterday, God has always been a Father, right from his relationship with the children of Israel and upon his promises over them. They knew him as Father and recognised that his heart towards them is of love and mercies.

The message of God from the lips of Moses to let the children of Israel go out of Egypt was based on the truth that Israel is his son, his first born. Let's read Exodus 4:22 "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn". In the same light, when Israel were deep neck in idolatry and God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah to reveal to them his provisions for mercy and restoration, he also spoke in line with God as the Father; let's read Jeremiah 31:9:

They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. KJV

However, our hearts began to pick the Fatherhood of God as new creation in Christ Jesus from the lived experience of Jesus and his words through his Apostles to us. We can outrightly relate that God is our Father because Jesus throughout all his life refer to him as a Father and said he is also the Father of all who believed in him. For instance John 14:23 says; Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. KJV

Thus, we are certain that because we believed in Jesus and love him, the Father and the son has found expression in our lives. This testament of faith is the unique feature of the Christian life. Jesus is the difference between our lives and that of many others under the tutelage of diverse kind of belief and religion. Therefore, you must hold tenaciously to your faith in God, who is your Father. You are in him and he is in you by your faith in Christ Jesus. Jesus is the name that uphold the Christian Faith. All that we do as believers is done in the name of Jesus unto God the Father.

Don't be confused about your identity and don't allow any one take you for a prey. God is your Father in Christ Jesus and you are his son by spiritual birth. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and my Father. I am bold to call you Father because you are bold to pour your immeasurable love on me. In this I rejoice and I am glad. Amen

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN GOD VI

TEXT: JOHN 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. KJV

When you put John 14:6 alongside John 3:16, you will realise that the message therein are one and the same. Jesus was simply repeating the same truth in different light. Let's read John 3:16;

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. KJV.

It is evident that God the Father, gave the son to the world for salvation. This, Jesus spoke rightly when he said no man can come to the Father except through him because the Father presented him as the way to himself. Therefore, Jesus is the way, truth and life. In a more affirmative manner, 1John 4:9 says;

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. KJV

Life is in the only begotten son. The believer live through Jesus, the son of God. He simply cannot be taken away from the equation as other religion either relegate him or then mystify God. However, the Christian Faith is based on the threshold of the son of God, who lives forever more. Hallelujah!

Your faith in God is the same as your faith in Jesus, the son of God. He who loves the son, is loved by the Father. He who believes in the son, believes in the Father. He who has the son as the Lord of his life, has the Father also. This union makes Christianity what it is. A miracle that exceeds all others.

It is important that you are crystal clear about your faith in God as the same in his son Jesus Christ. It's impossible under the Christian faith to deny the son and claim the Father. For the Father is in the son and the son is in the Father. And in the name of the Son, the Holy Spirit was poured out on all. Anyone, who will come to the Father must do so by the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Join me to pray for as many who are confused about this truth:

PRAYER

Lord, I join my faith with my brothers and sisters and ask that as many of your sheep out there, who have been wounded and battered by the enemy to believe in a lie and their hearts are torn between truth and falsehood, we declare that they are set free now in the name of Jesus. We ask that they are delivered and their bonds are loosed now in Jesus' name. Amen



SATURDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN HIS NAME I

TEXT: JOHN 14:13

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. KJV

We have established that the Christian has God as his Father. You are the son/child of God in accordance to John 1:12 *but as many receives him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believes (have faith) on his name*. Thus, you are not confused about your identity and his relationship with you. He is your Father by the position of your faith in Christ Jesus.

Another striking truth is that just as you confessed Jesus with your mouth to be your Lord and saviour and believed in your heart that God raised him from the dead, which is the basis for your salvation by faith, is the same way that the name of Jesus become an asset to you. The confession of the name Jesus is potent which differentiate the Christian from every other. You must have seen many out of curiosity and danger shout Jesus, even when they don't know him but much more for you as a child of God, that name that saves you is the best of your spiritual inheritance.

Philippians 2:9-11 tells us that the name Jesus was given as the ultimate authority by which everything in heaven, on earth and under the earth must bow and submit without hesitation. God raised Jesus from the dead and crown him with the highest authority in which his name bears. Thus, the name of Jesus command the entirety of God, the Father. Jesus while he was alive knew what would happen in his name and he communicated to his disciples that whatsoever they ask in his name, he will do it that the Father may be glorified in his son.

The ability of the child of God to express his faith in the name of Jesus institute the truth that the Father delights in his son and would hearken to the voice of all who have faith in his death and resurrection when they make demand before him in his name. Therefore, the Christian has but only one name through which they communicate with God. That's the name of JESUS.

This is to further establish that it is totally impossible to take Jesus out of the authenticity of the Christian faith. All things stand and rise in him. He is all that the Father stands for and the Father is all that he is. There cannot be separation for they are one with the spirit of God. The union is the truth of the Christian faith. Know who you are and be unashamed to lift the name of Jesus up, any and everywhere.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for the privilege to communicate with you in the name of Jesus. This name command authority in heaven, on earth and beneath the earth. I am bold to make my boast in the name of Jesus and express my absolute trust to ask whatsoever I desire in accordance to God's will in the name of Jesus. Amen

SUNDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR FAITH IN HIS NAME II

TEXT: JOHN 14: 14

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it . KJV

How much faith do you have in the name of Jesus? This lack of trust in his name has render some believers behind the scene in boldness towards God. Jesus said if you will ask anything in my name, I will do it. Do you believe this statement written in God's words?

There is not so much a Christian can achieve if he struggles with the name of Jesus. Or have only make it a casual culture without a deep sense of recognition. Your strength, power and substance lies in the name, Jesus. This is the difference between you and an atheist or any other form of false religion, who are anti-Christ. The name Jesus and your faith in him as his child makes all the difference in your life and in this world.

Don't forget that you are saved by his name, and forever the name Jesus is your anchor. Hebrews 12:2 command us to look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Who undertook pain, trial and persecution in our behalf that we might be delivered from the corruption that is in this world. In his name is Christianity birthed and upon his name is Christianity perfected. There is nothing more or less.

Jesus is the Apostle and high priest of our faith. Which means that our faith is wholly dependent on his work of deliverance and atonement. He is the center and the entirety of the Christian faith. No child of God can deny Jesus and still remain a Christian. It's impossible. For it is in him, that we are saved and in him are we justified from all things.

Ephesians 1:5 says that God predestined us to be adopted as his children in Christ Jesus. This means that no one can be called or referred to as a child of God outside Jesus Christ. None! His name stood for all of God that came in human flesh. He is the epitome of God's essence and presence. Jesus is God in human flesh, for it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell (Colossians 1:19)

The fullness of God is represented in the person of Christ. No man can come to the Father but by him. Regardless of what the world presented to us, we must not lose sight of this truth that Jesus is the center piece of our faith. Unto him we swear and in his name is our unrevoked allegiance. Your faith in God is the same as your faith in Jesus, the risen king, who is sitted at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father. You gave your son Jesus, and with him you will freely give me all things. I ask for more understanding of his name and clarity as regards my faith in him in greater measure in Jesus' name. Amen

MONDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH IN HE WHO IS IN YOU I

TEXT: JOHN 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; KJV

Your faith as a child of God is based on the truth that there is the Spirit of God that dwells in you. This is not true for many other belief system and religion. But for the Christian faith, salvation hinges on the reality of the Spirit of God that regenerates the heart of a man and bring him to experience God with strong convinction.

Titus 3:3-7 explain the transformation that occur to every man in Christ Jesus. Let's read; For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost*; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. KJV

However, the participation of the Holy Spirit that saved us as we express our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus, continues even after salvation. Jesus spoke expressly about the need and greater advantage associated with his death and resurrection to the Holy Spirit. He said, I will give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not neither knoweth him; but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you. (John 14:16-17)

The Holy Spirit dwells in you. It's not a fallacy! It's an astounding truth that the man who have faith in Jesus must hold true at all times. The Holy Spirit is the gift for the Christian, not for the world. The world cannot receive him, it doesn't see him nor know him. But you know him, he orchestrated your salvation. He dwells with you as you believe in Jesus and confess him as your Lord and saviour and shall be in you.

The phrase *He shall be in you* was to the disciples then a future occurrence which took place in Acts chapter two. But for you, who received the love of God and become saved afterwards, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit isn't a future occurrence. The Holy Spirit has an assignment in your life because you are saved and is willing to take you over to the brim for the same reason.

Thus, if you feel empty as a believer, your need is the Holy Spirit. He is with you and in you. You might just need to turn your attention to him and ask that he takes you over completely. Express your faith in his presence as one with the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus, the son of God and I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is one with the Father and the Son. Precious Spirit of God, take me over even as I have faith that you are in me in Jesus' name. Amen

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH IN HE WHO IS IN YOU II

TEXT: 1JOHN 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. KJV

The man who has faith in Christ must acknowledge that there is a spirit in this world that is contrary to his faith. He mustn't leave in ignorance or illusion to this truth. 1John 5:19 says: And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. KJV

You must know yourself as a believer and understand that the whole world lieth in wickedness. Why? 1John 2:15-17 says; Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. KJV

All that is in the world (lust of the flesh, the eye and pridee of life) are not of the Father but of this world. However, the world passeth away with its lust but he who does the will of God (he who has faith in God and continue to follow him) abides forever. There is a God of this world, he is the enemy of our faith, he is the devil. And he has his emissaries everywhere in different shapes and shades, working as evil spirit, which influence every and any man who isn't in submission to the Lordship of Christ.

He sometimes can oppress the believer too, when such is careless and do not stay on fire for the Lord. However, he has no right over us. He can't possess us because we have been possessed by God's Spirit. Thus, you must recognise that there is a spirit in you even as there is a spirit in the world. And the spirit in you is greater than that which is in the world. You have got God on the inside of you. This reality sustains the Christian faith which is outrightly different from other religion.

No religion confess that their God resides in them. None. But we have our God not just in heaven, and he did not come in the flesh only, but also, refused to leave us comfortless, He is Emmanuel, one who abides with us forever. His promise is never to leave nor forsake us and he fulfilled it already. Hallelujah! Don't be confused about your faith, stay faithful!

PRAYER

Thank you Father. For the greater one lives inside of me. Therefore, daily, I face the world with great hope that I am not alone. You are with me Lord as the mighty terrible one. With you in me, I am well able to take each day as it comes, living in the strength of your grace. Thank you Father in Jesus' name. Amen



WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: FAITH IN HE WHO IS IN YOU III

TEXT: 1JOHN 4:13

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. KJV

The assurance for the believer that God resides in him as he is in him is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God in you represent the person of God in you. By the spirit of God, you have the testament that God is forever yours.

This in itself is faith. It is the title deed that all that is written of God on the pages of the Bible is true and cannot be contended. It is also the reality that Jesus indeed came in the flesh. He not only spoke of the Spirit of truth, he explained in details the importance of his coming. Let's read John 16:7-11

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: John 16:7-8 KJV

of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. John 16:9-11 KJV

Don't forget that the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because they do not know him. However his assignment to the world is to reprove of sin which means that the Holy Spirit is the one who will convinct the world of its sins and enable all who are willing to receive salvation of their souls.

Dear child of God, your faith in he who lives in you is the same as your faith in God and his son Jesus Christ. The truth that God is alive and cannot be denied is largely expressed in his son Jesus Christ and the ever abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. No other kind of belief claim to have a Spirit who is Holy. But the Christian faith acknowledges God as the Father, God as the Son and God, as the Holy Spirit. Three distinct features who functions as one. Anyone who denies this, has not the faith of Christ but all who confess this truth and love in its reality is of God.

Therefore, I say unto you, have the faith of God without respect of persons. Treat men as men and acknowledge God whom you believe as the only true God, who created man for his purpose and will. Don't allow men to confuse you and give men the oppurtunity to hear about your God. He is true and alive forever more.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. You are my God, you are my Lord and by your spirit you live in me. I know that I am yours because you have given me of your Spirit. I am never alone and I can never be left desolate in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

TOPIC: THE VICTORY IS YOUR FAITH

TEXT: 1JOHN 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. KJV

Your Faith in God by the Lord Jesus, is your victory over the kingdom of the world. Because you are born of God, you are already in a position of advantage, where all that is in the world, bow to the Lordship of Christ. It is described as the kingdom of light, while the world is referred to as darkness. The word of God established that we are the children of light and of the day, we are not of darkness nor of night. (1Thessalonians 5:5)

Therefore, there are a number of things that have got solution and will give way for us in this world. Is it sickness, diseases or any kind of ailment. It will give way for the child of God, who understand that his faith is the victory over the world and would act on his power in Christ Jesus, our Lord. For it is written that by his stripes, we were healed. Let's read for emphasis and clarity;

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 KJV

Apostle Peter recap this truth and said; who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24 KJV

Healing is the victory we have as an ever abiding provision over sickness. Thus, when the world bring before our door, sickness. The child of God should first exercise the victory and lay his hands on the sick to recover. For it is written, these signs shall follow them that believe. Let's read;

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:17-18 KJV

It is your victory to cast out demons, to speak with new tongues, to lay hands on the sick and they will recover. If you drink anything deadly, it won't hurt you. The world is at your feet because you can take up serpent and crush their heads. This is your victory, even your faith in Christ Jesus. Give God praise!

PRAYER

Thank you Father for my faith in you is my victory over the world. Help me to keep my faith active, alive and full of power in you. Let me not shrink back or entertain doubt or fear in Jesus' name. Amen



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