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We Live By Faith

"Foundations of Faith- Pt. 1"

I. We are faith people

- A. We were saved through faith- [**Eph. 2:8**]
- B. We are healed through faith- [**Luke 7:50**]
- C. We are justified through faith- [**Romans 3:28**]
- D. The Spirit moves in our life through faith- [**Galatians 3:5**]
- E. We walk by faith- [**2 Cor. 5:7**]
- F. We please God through faith- [**Hebrews 11:6**]
- G. We live by faith- [**Romans 1:17**]

II. Grace precedes faith

- A. If you do not start from the correct place or premise then you will end up wrong.
- B. Faith in the New Testament is always preceded by God's grace.
- C. [**Ephesians 2:8**]- We are saved by **GRACE** through faith.
- D. [**Hebrews 6:1**]- Two foundational principles of Christianity are repentance from dead works and faith towards God. You **MUST** understand repentance from dead works before you can understand faith towards God. Repentance from dead works is the changing of your mind about legalism and placing your trust in what God has done instead of what you have done. When and only when you understand grace are you ready to operate in true faith.
- E. If you do not understand that faith is always placed in the grace of God then faith will be made into works in which faith [*as many preach it*] is a tool to pry open the fingers of God to give to you and move for you. Faith does not move the hand of God as many assert. Many think that if they believe hard enough and confess enough then God will move for them and open up his hand.
- F. God has already opened up His hand and given in His grace. He did it before we were even around. Jesus died for us and rose from the dead and gave us every blessing in heavenly places. [**Eph. 1:3, 2 Peter 1:3, 1 Cor. 3:21**]
- G. God gives based upon Jesus performance and not yours. God is free to give to us through the righteousness of His Son which was

freely given to us in Christ. [**2 Peter 1:1**] The first gift we receive from God is the gift of faith. God gives us faith through the righteousness of His Son who died in our place. Through the channel of righteousness God ministers His grace to us and through us.

III. **The root and fruit**

A. I like to look at the relationship between grace and faith as the connection between the roots and fruits of a tree.

B. Grace is the root. Grace is what has already been planted by the Lord within our spirit in Christ. All that God has is found in His Son and the Son is found in our spirit. He has planted all that we need in our spirit by the life of Christ within.

C. All the blessings given to us are in the spiritual realm- in Christ or heavenly places. These are like roots that are unseen to us.

D. We need those blessings to manifest in the here and now! How are we going to experience what is in the spiritual realm into the natural realm. It is by faith. By faith we receive what has been done and given to us in the spiritual realm and it is manifested into the natural realm as fruit. The fruit is the manifestation of the root that is out of sight in the spirit realm. What is in the root is drawn out and manifested in the natural as fruit by the means of faith.

E. Roots of grace

A. Righteousness- root-2 Cor. 5:21- fruit Phil. 1:11

B. Forgiveness of sins- root-Eph 1:7- fruit- 1 John 1:9

C. Faith- root-Romans 12:3- fruit- Gal. 5:22-23

D. Love- root-Romans 5:5- fruit- Gal. 5:22

E. Peace- root- Romans 5:1- fruit- Phil. 4:7

F. Hope- root-1 Peter 1:4- fruit- 1 Thess. 5:8

G. Healing- root- 1 Peter 2:24-fruit- James 5:16

H. Prosperity- root-2 Cor. 8:9- fruit- 3 John 2

I. Sanctification- root- 1 Cor. 1:30- fruit- 1 Thess. 4:3

J. Wisdom- root-1 Cor. 1:30- fruit- James 1:5

K. Perfection- root- Hebrews 10:14- fruit-Phil 3:12

L. Freedom from sin- Romans 6:7- fruit- Romans 6:12