

## Youth Bible Study Lesson 19

Memory verse – Heb. 11:1

I Tim. 4:12 “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

Our study of this verse takes us to “in faith” for this week. Paul uses this word “faith” approximately 140 times. It is used in all of the rest of the Bible approximately 100 times.

You can see the emphasis that God puts on faith in the dispensation of grace in which we live. Of course, faith has always been paramount with God in all dispensations.

Heb. 11:6 “But without \_\_\_\_\_ it is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him:...”

1. What is faith? Heb. 11:1 “Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for, the \_\_\_\_\_ of things \_\_\_\_\_ seen.” Faith is not an elusive thing, a mysterious feeling or intuition. The examples given in Heb. 11 define vs. 1 for us. Noah, Abraham, Moses, etc. had faith, a reliance on the word of God. Faith is not a leap in the dark or a feeling.

In Rom. 4:1-5 faith is also defined for us. In verse 3 what did Abraham do? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, he believed God. What was the result? It was counted (imputed, put to his account) for \_\_\_\_\_. In verse 5 we see Abraham believing and then we see that his \_\_\_\_\_ was counted for \_\_\_\_\_. Faith then is a reliance, trust, believing God’s word.

2. Where does faith come from?  
Rom. 10:17 “So then \_\_\_\_\_ cometh by \_\_\_\_\_, and hearing by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” This verse is used by Paul in his answers to the objections raised concerning Israel’s failure to obtain what had been promised. Israel’s lack of faith, unbelief when she heard the gospel verse 16 resulted in their temporary “cast away” position, Rom. 11:1.

Do all who hear the word of God have faith?

Faith comes by hearing the word of God. Of course not all men who hear the word of God, like Israel, let it work the divine work of faith in them.

II Thes. 3:2 “...for all men have \_\_\_\_\_ faith.”

3. What is God’s word for the obedience of our faith today?

Rom. 16:25, 26 “Now to him that is of power to \_\_\_\_\_ you according to my gospel, and the preaching of \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_; which was kept \_\_\_\_\_ since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

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The mystery is that body of truth revealed to the apostle Paul – Eph. 3:1-12. If you asked all the pastors and preachers if they preach Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery, what percentage of them would answer yes? What percentage of them would even know what you're talking about?

If you noticed in Rom. 16:25 the mystery was kept \_\_\_\_\_ since the \_\_\_\_\_ began. Compare that with Acts 3:21. The message Peter was preaching was \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of all his holy \_\_\_\_\_ since the \_\_\_\_\_ began. These two messages are not the same. Most Bible teachers start the church, the body of Christ, at Pentecost. This simply cannot be a part of mystery truth as Acts 2:16 says "But this is that which was \_\_\_\_\_ by the prophet \_\_\_\_\_;"

When explaining the difference of the mystery "kept secret" and the message "spoken since the world began" we are met many times with "don't be such a nit picker, we just all need to love Jesus." As charming as that sounds, it is blatant disobedience to the word of God. Dare I say unbelief? A lack of faith! Not believing God and His Word. All the Bible is for us, it's not all written to us. Preaching and believing mystery truth is for obedience of faith in the dispensation of grace! (according to Rom. 16:25, 26)

4. Steadfastness and growth should characterize our faith. Col. 2:5 "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

In II Thes. 1:3 Paul thanks God for the Thessalonian believers because their faith \_\_\_\_\_ exceedingly. Our faith is not to be stagnant. God wants our faith (confidence in His word to us) to be ever increasing. Remember Heb.11:1, faith is substance and evidence.

As believers we have things that we hope (confidently expect) for, and things we believe but can't see. We know these things are real because of faith. We have God's word on it!!

II Cor. 5:7 "(For we walk by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_:" Too many believers are trying to read their circumstances to figure out what God is telling them. That would be "sight". We are to walk (go through life), with obedient trust in the word of God.

5. Faith is productive. Look at I Thess. 1:3 & II Thes. 1:11, what word is associated with faith? \_\_\_\_\_ We sometimes shy away from the word work. But faith is not to be idle. Eph. 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto \_\_\_\_\_, which God hath before ordained that we should \_\_\_\_\_ in them." This verse follows Eph. 2:8, 9 where God tells us that works can have no part in our salvation. But "good works", the works that manifest the life of Christ are what we are called to as the saved, children of God.

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Faith is the only answer grace will accept. Eph. 2:8, 9 "For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through \_\_\_\_\_; and that not of yourselves: it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: Not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest

any man should boast.” When we heard the gospel of God’s grace, we could have but one reply that God would accept, faith. Take God at His word and believe. The Christian life is no different.

Col. 2:6 “As ye have therefore \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus the Lord, so \_\_\_\_\_ ye in him:”

Eph. 4:5 tells us that there is \_\_\_\_\_ faith. There are not 16 different ways to believe about what the word of God says.

Eph. 6:16 calls faith a \_\_\_\_\_.

The adversary is a relentless foe and the world is no friend of our Lord. Many things can come at us to shake, weaken, frighten and move us away from the truth. As long as faith (believing God’s word to you) is our shield, the fiery darts of Satan won’t be able to penetrate us.

I pray that Col. 2:7 will be the living reality in each of us. “Rooted and built up in him, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, as ye have been \_\_\_\_\_, abounding therein with \_\_\_\_\_.”

To be established (set, unmoved, settled) in the faith (confidence in God’s word) is God’s desire for His children. Which brings to mind one last verse in Gal. 3:26 “For ye are all the children of God by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.”

Yes, we became God’s child simply by faith (believing God’s word) that Christ alone is our Saviour who shed His blood as the perfect sacrifice for all of our sin. Continue growing in faith. This is God’s will concerning you.

There won’t be a lesson next week as we will be on vacation. Hope you’re all having a great summer.

## Lesson 19 Answers and Comments

Faith	prophets
Impossible	world
Please	spoken
Faith	Joel
Substance	steadfastness
Evidence	faith
Not	growth
Believed	faith
God	sight
Righteousness	work
Faith	good
Righteousness	works
Faith	walk
Hearing	grace
Word	faith
God	gift
Not	works
Stablish	received
Jesus	walk
Christ	one
Revelation	shield
Mystery	established

Secret	faith
Obedience	taught
World	thanksgiving
Spoken	faith
Mouth	Christ

The reason there are so many divisions in the body of Christ is a direct result of disobedience to God's direction to hold to the one faith of Eph. 4:5. There is one faith (God's word to be believed on) for the obedience of our faith today. It is called the mystery (body truth delivered to the apostle Paul). Does this mean that we throw out everything east and west of Paul's epistles? No!! All scripture is for our learning, it's all for us. We need to know which scriptures are to us, the scriptures we are to apply, obey, and preach. If all believers would follow God's instructions in II Tim. 2:15 and rightly divide the word of God, we would see a united body. Let each of us search the scriptures and come to the knowledge of the truth as is God's will. I Tim. 2:4 "Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." It matters what we believe about God and His word.