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## Faith Cometh

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In Romans 10:17 it states that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. The Kings James version does not include the word Christ that is clearly stated in the original Greek (ἄρα ἡ πίστις ἐξ ἀκοῆς, ἡ δὲ ἀκοὴ διὰ ῥήματος <u>Χριστοῦ</u>). <u>Χριστοῦ</u> or Christ stands for "the anointed one". *An anointed Word from Jesus is what produces faith.* 

## God speaks to us by His Spirit, and faith comes as we receive that Word into our hearts.

Most Christians would probably agree with what I just wrote. But now I will also state that *it does not say that faith cometh by what we have heard.* This is something that many Christians do not have the revelation of, the fact that we need new faith (Word) every day.

Not long ago, I met with a pastor that told me that he does not see the need to read the Bible every day, since he has read it for so many years. I told him that I believed that every day we need to hear a fresh word from the Lord in order for faith to come.

The Word says: The Just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17).

The more of the Word of God we can hear, the more of the Zoe life (God's kind of life) we can have in our lives, here and now in the earth, before we die and go to heaven.

The children of Israel had to gather manna every day in order to feed their natural bodies.

In the same way, we need to feed our spiritual bodies with the spiritual manna every day in order for faith to come and for us to be able to live by faith as righteous (or just) people that are pleasing God. (Romans 1:17, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6)

When Jesus walked on the water, he said to his disciples when they were afraid: Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. Jesus gave him one word, Come.

When Peter heard that word, "**come**," <u>f</u>aith came, and Peter stepped out of the boat and started to walk on the water toward Jesus. That was something impossible for a man to do, but it was made possible by God, through Peter's faith in the words that Jesus had just spoken.

Advice: Pray until you hear a word from the Lord, then when you act upon that word your faith is released, a miracle will take place, and God is greatly glorified. Amen!

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