



Why Does God Give Us Faith?

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Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Hebrews 10:38

So the short answer would be: **So we can live by it!**

We can either live by the flesh, or we can live by faith in God's Word.

When I grew up in Church, faith was a big deal, and everyone tried to have it in order to receive from God. However, we do not have to try to have it because God has already given it to us.

Ephesians 2:8 states "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that **not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.** Not of works, lest any man should boast."

God gives us His faith, we do not earn or deserve it by our own efforts. "Ἐχετε πίστιν θεοῦ, or have the Faith of God, Jesus told his disciples in Mark 11:22.

One time I was speaking to a man on the phone that was seeking healing from cancer. He was a dear friend and I was trying to help him see that the Lord had already provided for his healing, and that he could receive it by faith in the finished work of the cross when we prayed (Mark 11:24). Not understanding what I was saying, the man told me I was speaking too much about Faith in God, and told me just to keep praying for him.

However it is not **prayer** that heals the sick but "the **prayer of Faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." James 5:14

The only way that we can pray the prayer of faith is if we know for sure that **God does really, really wants to heal everybody.**

This knowledge must be 100% based on God's written Word. And the only way that Word and promise will benefit us, is if we believe it will all our hearts, and act as if it is true.

Somebody might think: "if God wants to heal me and bless me I will not stop Him. He knows my name and where I live. He can just go ahead and do it." Except, that is not the way God operates. It is like saying that if God wants to save me He knows where I live, and He can just go ahead and do it.

God is a Faith God and everything that we receive from Him we receive by Faith in His written Word. We receive before we can see it with our natural eyes. However, we can see it with our spirit eyes by faith. **The Word of Faith which we preach.**

Romans 10:8

The same chapter (Romans 10), says in verse 17 that Faith comes by hearing the Word of the Anointed One, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός.

The Anointed Word of Jesus Christ gives Faith that will change our lives and please God, when we receive it and act upon it.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth what you believe in your heart, that Jesus Christ (the Word of God) is Lord, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

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