

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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Pretend you are on a cooking show. You are instructed to create a dish using only water and one very unique ingredient. Everyone is given the same special ingredient. This special ingredient is so simple and yet it seems like there should be more to it. It is free and yet if you use it, it will cost you everything. And the more you use it the more it will increase. With it you can create something from nothing. What is this special ingredient?

FAITH – (A Noun, A Substance)

1) Complete trust or confidence in someone or something. 2) Strong belief in God

Hebrews 11

Now faith is the *substance* of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 12.3

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, **as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.**

Romans 10.17

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God

How Hearing Works:

- Information, facts, ideas come to us repeatedly.
- Having heard enough times – now it take shape independent from the outside source it came from and now is heard inside of us through our thoughts.
- It no longer is just coming from an outside voice but now it coming from an inner voice becoming a CONVICTION.
- The thoughts produce a substance in us.
 - Fear -> Sin/Bondage (abides in the soul of man).
 - Love -> Faith (abides in the spirit of man).
 - Thoughts tell us what we heard is real even though we cannot see it.
 - Thoughts tell us what to expect because we heard it first.
- Our bodies physically respond to it and align itself to the words spoken causing BELIEF or ACTION.

Hebrews 11.3

³ **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.**

Romans 4.13-16, 17

¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but **through the righteousness of faith (the substance of things hoped for)**. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the Law are heirs, **faith is made void and the promise is nullified**; ¹⁵ for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation. ¹⁶ For this reason **it is by faith**, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, ¹⁷ in the presence of Him whom he believed, **even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.**

John 15.7

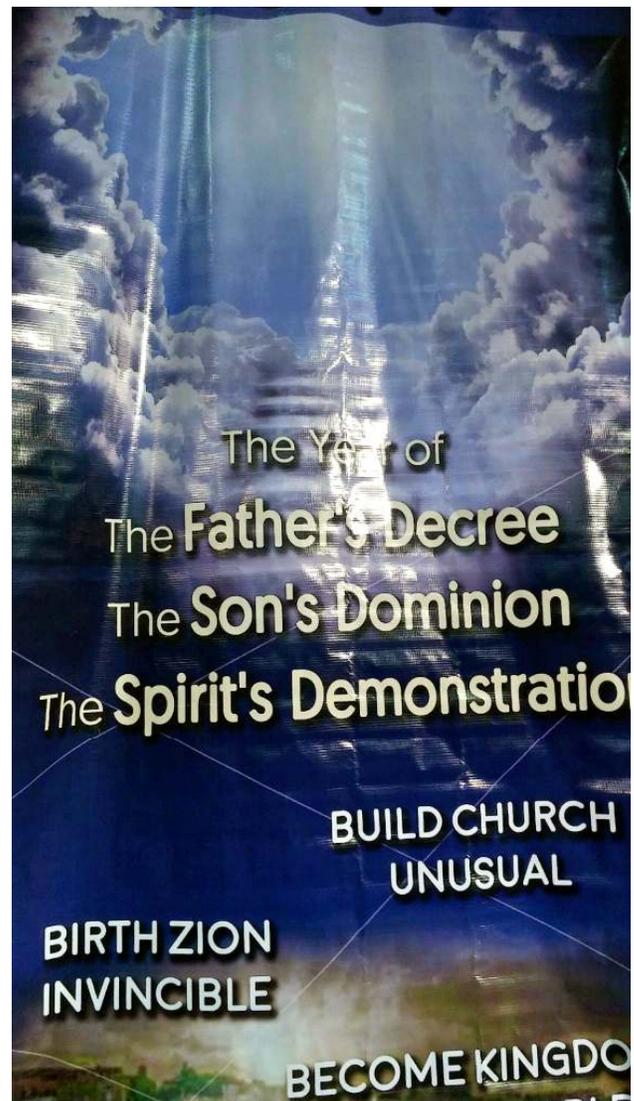
If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

- Jesus is the Word. If we choose to Abide in the Word and the Word abides in us.
- Then the sustaining power behind all things abides in us.
- What we desire we will receive it.
- When the Word becomes the "substance of things hoped for" everything must align to the Kingdom that supersedes all other natural laws because the Kingdom "as it is in heaven" came before the law of sin and death.

BELIEF – (A Verb or Action)

1.) Acceptance that a statement is true or that something exists. 2.) Trust, faith, or confidence in someone or something.

- Believing comes from a knowing of what is rightfully yours.
 - Not through one's own works.
 - That is why Paul Said, I resolve to know Christ and Him crucified and again, I boast only in the Cross.
- The Joyful expectation of one who is waiting for Abba Father to bring to them the answer so long sought after is made possible by the Righteous Christ, who took shame and blame guilt and condemnation, so that with full anticipation, there is no question of whether or not it shall come.



WHAT BELIEF LOOKS LIKE – THEN AND NOW!

- Consecration is Faith in Action (Joshua, Hannah...PUT YOUR NAME...etc).
- Declaring is Faith in Action (John the Baptist, Paul, YOU and I, etc).
- Responding to a command (Abraham, Moses, Mary, OUR CITY, etc).
- Performing an action based on Faith (Moses, OUR COUNTRY, etc).
- Listening with expectancy (The BODY of CHRIST, etc).

Mark 11.24

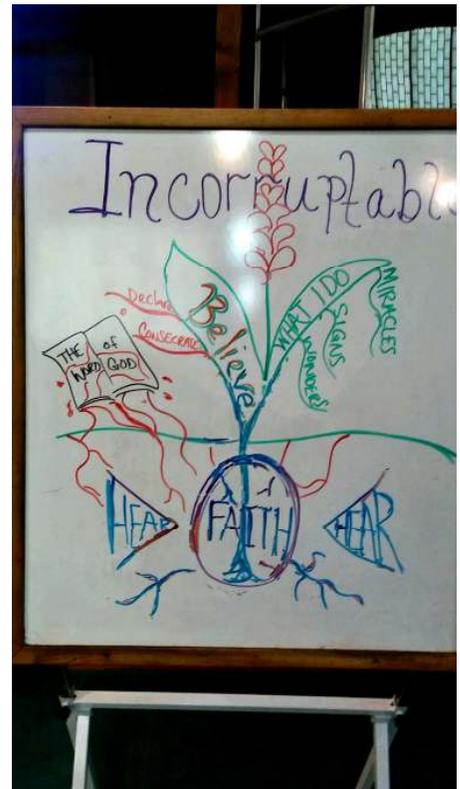
Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, **believe** that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you.

- Straightening out arthritic hands.
- Functioning kidneys, liver.
- Replacing the lining of intestinal tracts.
- Creating new tissue and cartilage in knees.
- Multiplying cells for new limbs to grow that were not there.
- Sickness has to flee.
- Demonic oppression cannot stay.
- Principalities can no longer function.
- Addiction is overwritten.
- Blind eyes are opened.
- What are you believing for...insert YOUR STORY.

The Word, is the sustaining power behind all things. When we hear the word and by faith believe, our actions are encased in Righteousness... (NO SHAME) like a seed.

What we are asking for by FAITH is:

- Carried in a Righteous incorruptible seed.
- Purified by the Blood of Jesus Christ, which
- Possesses Kingdom **Government**...releasing His Kingdom.
- On Earth As It Is In Heaven.
- The Power Behind ALL THINGS is redesigning and restructuring our circumstances, our relationships, and our bodies, through our Belief.



James 2.18

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Acts 4.4

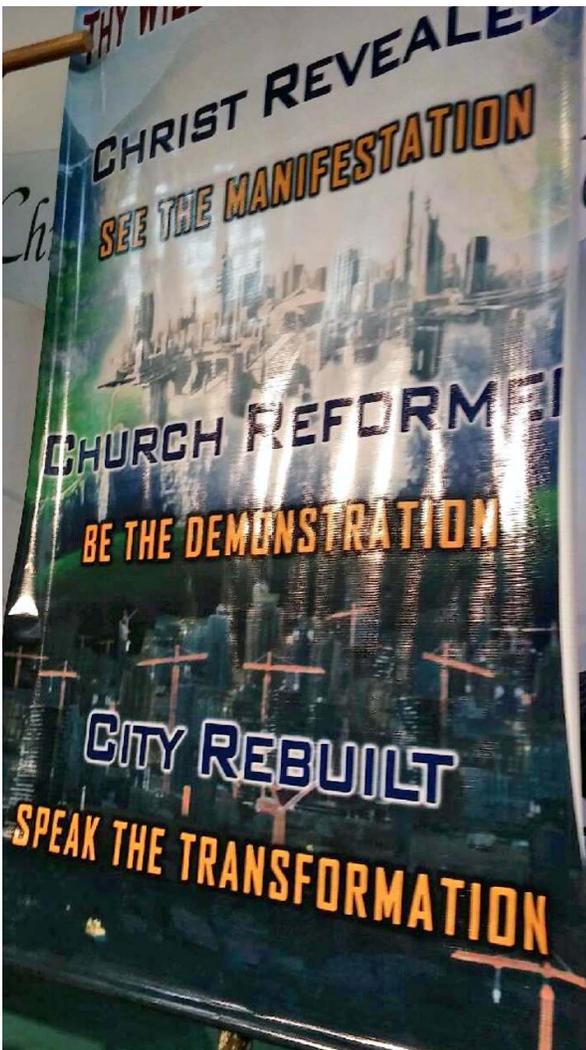
Many of them which **heard** the Word, **believed**

- We have an ear to hear. That means our spirits are alert and sensitive to the Father's voice. Through the Holy Spirit we are given discernment to know what we are hearing.

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Ephesians 3.17-20

¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ **Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us.**

Hebrews 11.1-7

¹ Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old gained approval. ³ **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.** ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Jude 1.20-23

²⁰ But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith**, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting; ²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

John 15.1-11

¹ I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. **For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.**

⁵ "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ **But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!** ⁸ **When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples.** This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, **your joy will overflow!**”

Colossians 2.7

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. **Then your faith will grow strong in the truth** you were taught, and you will **overflow with thankfulness.**

How do you know if you have Faith? By the evidence –

Obedience

Overflowing Joy

Overflowing thankfulness

IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND STRENGTH **A PEOPLE PREVAIL.**
IN DEMONSTRATION AND POWER **A KINGDOM ADVANCES.**

I see an immense tower and foundation of living stones. There is thrashing and crashing all around yet this foundation of living stones keeps being built. The tower fills each living stone with immense power and stability. Streams of red spread out like tributaries and go down like roots into the living stones so that they are fitted tightly and accurately. Not one can be knocked loose as long as they are connected to the living flow of life and power.

I sense that these living stones represent the corporate man and Jesus is the strong tower.

Based on that simple, yet, extraordinary truth – faith comes and builds and builds and fortifies the Body of Christ across distances, cultures, nationalities, male or female.

We prevail and the kingdom advances!

