



Foundations Student Notes

Lesson 3 – Faith in God

The second foundational teaching about Christ, faith, is the counterpart to repentance and absolutely essential to the Christian life. Because faith is rooted in the present, it often causes a person to shift their way of thinking or acting, attitude-shaping, action-determining confidence in something that has not yet come.

📖 *Hebrews 11:1*

In his book *Repent & Believe*, Derek Prince notes that many have fallen into the trap of “faith of the mind,” or mere intellectual agreement with certain beliefs. However, the Bible describes true faith as originating in the **heart**: the center of not just our emotions but our desires, decisions, and personalities.

📖 *Romans 10:9-10*

To truly have faith and “believe with your heart” is to orient your entire being toward the object of your faith. Many passages in Scripture show us that true faith is connected with **what we say, what we do, and how we live**:

📖 *James 2:14-26, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 2 Timothy 3:1-5*

Other passages throughout the Bible clearly teach that it is only through faith in Jesus that we can be saved, and there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Once we have confidence in God’s salvation, we are called to grow in and live by our faith as we become more like Jesus in this life

📖 *Romans 10:9-13, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 6:47-48, 1 Corinthians 15:1-7, John 14:12*

Throughout the gospels, Jesus demonstrates an incredible connection between the **power of God and faith in God**:

📖 *Mark 5:21-6:5, Matthew 14:22-32, Mark 11:22-25*

Faith is like a tree: it is always growing. One thing that unites everyone is the need to learn and grow in matters of faith. Even Jesus’ disciples recognized that they had much to learn.

📖 *Luke 17:5-6, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Faith is the counterpart to repentance, and is not just an idea but a new way of life:

📖 *2 Corinthians 5:7*