

THE ESSENCE of FAITH

A. DEFINITIONS

1. ESSENCE --- Webster:
That which makes something what it is; intrinsic, fundamental nature (of something); essential being.
2. ESSENTIAL --- Webster:
Basic; absolute; complete; perfect; pure; necessary; indispensable; requisite.
3. FAITH --- Webster:
 - a. From Latin “fidere,” to trust, to confide in.
 - b. Unquestioning belief in God.
 - c. Complete trust, confidence, or reliance.
 - d. Loyalty; allegiance to some person (God) or thing (Word of God).
 - e. Synonym: belief, believing.
 - f. Believing = be living in.

4. FAITH --- God’s Word: Hebrews 11:1

- a. King James Version (KJV)

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

- b. Jewish NT

Trusting is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

- c. Amplified Classic

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, ^[a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

- d. The Message

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It’s our handle on what we can’t see.

B. RECEIVING FAITH

1. Impossible to please God without FAITH. Heb 11:6
2. Planted as a seed (e.g., a mustard seed). Matt 13:31-32
3. Fruit of the Spirit. Gal 5:22-23
4. Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our FAITH. Heb 12:1-2
5. Saved by grace through FAITH. Eph 2:8
6. Word of FAITH: Mouth and Heart. Rom 10:8-10
7. Love and Obey God. Deut 30:14-20
He is Life and the Length of Days. Deut 30:19-20

C. LIVING FAITH

1. Have the FAITH of God. Mark 11:22-24
2. The just shall live by his FAITH. Hab 2:2-4
3. The just shall live by FAITH. Rom 1:17
4. The just shall live by FAITH. Heb 10:38
5. Word of FAITH: Mouth and Heart. Rom 10:8-10
6. Testing of FAITH. James 1:2-8
7. Hearer and Doer of the Word. James 1:22
8. From FAITH to FAITH.... Rom 1:17
9. May Christ through your FAITH.... Eph 3:17-21