

9. FAITH (CGI Statement of Beliefs, 2012)

Faith is the sure knowledge that God exists, and that He will accomplish those things He has promised.

Faith is necessary for salvation. The basic elements of faith are courage, action, and risk.

Romans 1:17; 10:17; Ephesians 3:17; Hebrews 11:1–2; James 2:22–24

(Rom 1:17 NKJV) For in it (*the Gospel*) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

(Rom 1:17 NIV) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

(Rom 10:17 NKJV) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

(Eph 3:17 NKJV) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith ...

(Heb 11:1-2 NKJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

(James 2:22-24 NKJV) Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

9. FAITH (Systematic Theology Project, 1978)

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Faith is the sure knowledge that God exists and that He will accomplish those things He has promised. Faith in God—trust in His promises and belief that He is in overall control is a major element in the Christian life and is absolutely necessary for salvation.

DOCTRINAL OVERVIEW

"...the just shall live by his faith." These words were first uttered by the prophet Habakkuk and quoted three times by the apostle Paul. Living faith is at the heart of true Christianity. It is absolutely essential for salvation (I Pet. 1:5-9). Christ described faith as a weightier matter of the law (Mt. 23:23). Paul listed it among the three greatest Christian virtues (along with hope and love). Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). Far from being simply a feeling in his heart, the Christian's faith motivates his entire pattern of living. Faith functions as the fulcrum of true Christian thought and behavior.

The **two distinct meanings of the word "faith"** are found in the English translation. When preceded by the definite article ("the faith") it means the overall system of doctrine and belief accepted by the Church, and by extension, the Church itself (Acts 6:7; 13:8, 14:22). When used without the article it means "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1) which is perhaps the clearest biblical definition of faith. Faith is thus an absolute belief that God exists and a total trust in His statements (Heb. 11:6).

Ultimately, faith deals with God's promises—with the future. It is the trust in "things not seen." Of course, belief cannot be blind. It must be built on genuine conviction. It has to come from perceiving God's hand in creation, His work in history and the experience of His fulfilled promises in one's own life. This is the foundation of faith. But one does not need faith in what has already been accomplished. Faith, therefore, is the willingness to believe God will not fail even though He has not actually brought about what is promised (Heb. 11:1).

True faith must come from God and has many facets, though the primary ones relate directly to Jesus Christ. Faith in its simplest but most profound manifestation is a **deep personal belief in Jesus Christ**; in the fact that He is our Savior; in the truth that His death paid the individual penalty of our personal sins. Faith is the full confidence in the message Jesus brought. This faith in Christ is the belief that leads us to baptism. (Baptism is merely an outward symbolic testimony that we have inward faith in Christ.) Paul speaks of this faith in Galatians 2:16 when he remarks we "have believed **in** Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith **of** Christ."

After baptism, one receives God's Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. At this point Christ, through the Spirit, lives in us and empowers us with a **growing and internalized godly faith**. Since **faith is not self-generated, but is rather the faith of Christ's Spirit in us**, it is termed the "faith of Christ" (subjective genitive). It is this faith of Christ that we must express and live by in every facet of life.

But faith is not an end in itself. It is rather the vehicle by which we may obtain salvation. Of course, salvation can in no way be earned, either by obedience or faith, for nothing man can do would obligate God to grant salvation had He not decided to give man this gift of His own volition (according to certain terms). But God nevertheless has obligated Himself to grant salvation if one has living faith. God says the presence of this faith is counted in His eyes as righteousness and indeed justifies us before God (Rom. 4: 1-7).

Faith is the motivator which causes us to live a godly life. From this it follows that one who has real belief in God and hopes in His promises will demonstrate this fidelity by his actions, by his obedience. Indeed, "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23).

The true Christian will obey God and do good works, for "faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:20). Our good works do not save us, but they do demonstrate faith. James wrote, "I will show you my faith by my works" (Jas. 2:18), directly contradicting the notion that faith can maintain an exclusively mental / spiritual existence devoid of any physical action and behavior. One who does not obey God is said to possess "dead" faith, a trait no better than that of the demons who themselves believe God exists but refuse to obey Him (Jas. 2:19).

To have real faith, does not mean that one will never doubt. Doubt is a normal human characteristic and emotion, and even the truly begotten Christian is not immune from it. Yet one must contest doubt, not by deluding oneself but by rehearsing reality. One should return to the fundamentals of biblical belief, to one's first love, by thinking the thoughts and doing the works he did when he was first being converted. Doubt need not undermine faith, but true faith can surmount doubt.

God commands that "the just shall live by faith" in every facet and area of his life. One must fully live by faith, because God has made promises which affect virtually every part of man's existence. He has promised to help us in trials if we are faithful and to answer every prayer that is prayed according to His will and in faith. These expressions of faith are again not ends in themselves. In fact they are secondary as compared to a Christian's main thrust of faith which is belief in God's promise of the resurrection from the dead and in salvation. Other areas of faith are important only as they contribute to our faith in the resurrection. Paul says one who does not earnestly hope for the resurrection has "faith in vain" (I Cor. 15:14), because one who has no hope of being resurrected from the dead has no hope at all! It is a Christian's faith in the resurrection from the dead which lies

behind all his earthly actions. It is this faith and hope which encourages him to press onward toward salvation in spite of trials and disappointments.

God's ultimate design is to bring every human being from the human level to the divine level—from flesh to spirit—from a temporary physical existence to an eternal spiritual existence. This is the foremost frontier of faith. It involves development of character, which includes the trials and experiences of human life. God's promises for the "good life" on the physical level are subordinated to His ultimate purpose of fulfilling His main promise on the spiritual level.

A Christian who is living by faith realizes physical promises may be delayed for his spiritual benefit, but he knows that his life is absolutely in God's hands no matter what. Some by their faith have been delivered, while others by the same faith have been martyred (Heb. 11) or allowed to die without seeing the ultimate fruit of their endeavors in this life.

The faith of Christ in us is one of the fruits of God's Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22. As such it cannot be "worked up" and is in no other way self-generated. It should never be static but must be constantly growing and expanding in every aspect and area of life. This faith may be built and grow in different ways, through experience, through trials (Rom. 5:1-5), by reading the inspired Word of God (Rom. 10: 17), through the interaction with the faith of others, etc. Faith must be constant, unfeigned, based upon true promises, without time limit and always growing.

The Bible illustrates the faith of the patriarchs and men of God throughout history as an example and encouragement to us. We are told of Abraham, the father of the faithful. We are reminded of Enoch, Elijah, Samson, Jephthah, David and the prophets. We see the awesome example of Jesus Christ Himself, who gave up His exalted position as God, emptied Himself into human form and was sacrificed in faith, so that He could become the Savior of mankind after the Father would resurrect Him. Likewise, we look at the examples of the apostles and of fellow brethren who were martyred for the sake of Christ. Finally, we learn that God will grant these faithful men salvation and eternal life in God's kingdom, because they believed they would receive it, and because they had real faith. They will receive the reward they hoped for, because they believed that God existed and that He was the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6). Our task is to follow their example and receive this same reward.

COG materials on Faith

CGICanada.org Website

Reviewing the Faith Prayer Connection – Bill Watson – 2011 – MP3

CGI-1134-WH-LordIBelieveHelpMyUnbelief.MP3

CGI-1133-BW-HoldingOurFaithVigilant.MP3

CGI-1131-WS-EarnestlyContendForTheFaith.MP3

Rely On Christ – Tony Buchert – 2011 – MP3

Faith Hope Charity – Wayne Hendrix – 2011 – MP3

Awakenings – Vance Stinson – 2011 – MP3

The 300 – Wynn Skelton – 2011 – MP3

Tamar Rahab & Ruth – Dean Roberts – 2010 – MP3

Our Faith In Jesus Christ – Wes White – 2010 – MP3

Is The Bible Believeable – Vance Stinson – 2009 – MP3

Promise Of Change Brings Hope – Ron Elkins – 2008 – MP3

Increase Your Faith By The Power Of God – RogerKing 2008-MP3

Faith Hope Charity – Wayne Hendrix – 2008 – MP3

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CGI-0851-WH-FaithHopeCharity.MP3

Prayer- A Faith Building Experience – Bronson James – 2008 – MP3

Validated Faith – Tony Buchert – 2007 – MP3

Armour Of God – Sermon Series – 1998 – MP3

ArmorOfGod4-9804-VS-ShieldOfFaith.MP3**1998SermonSeries**

Faith Of Rahab – Vance Stinson – MP3

Epistle Of Straw – Vance Stinson – 1996 – MP3

Evidence Of Faith – Vance Stinson – 1988 – MP3

Faith And Works – Vance Stinson – 1986 – MP3

Don't Be Distracted – Wayne Hendrix – 2004 – MP3

What Faith is – Bill Watson – 2004 – MP3

Who is Your Champion? – Bill Watson – 2004 – MP3

Enduring Faith – Charles Groce – 2004 – MP3

How To Increase Your Faith – Lloyd Cary – 2005 – MP3

Enduring Faith – Charles Groce – 2005 – MP3

Godly Character – Vance Stinson – 2005 – MP3

Armor-0679-VS-Building Godly Character.MP3

God's Hand in Healing – Bronson James – 2006 – MP3

Armor-0684-CG-Enduring Faith.MP3

Regeneration & Faith – Vance Stinson – 2006 – MP3

Do James & Paul Agree? – Vance Stinson – 2006 – MP3

EIGHTH_DAY_VanceStinson_2008.MP3

ZZZ-Q&A_Book2_Questions&Answers_LC.PDF

Cgi-Toronto - GR - Salvation:Faith by Works

CGI Booklet - Assurance of Salvation (SAL)

What does God require of a person before granting him the gift of eternal life and assurance of entry into the kingdom? Must the truly converted Christian, through combining good works" with his faith, reach a certain level of spiritual perfection before he is qualified for entry into the kingdom? When, precisely, can a person experience the joy of salvation, with full assurance that if he were to die tomorrow he would rise to meet Christ at His return, and live eternally in the Kingdom of God?

CGI Bible Course - Lesson 2-Faith

Old WorldWide – HWA – What is Faith?

UCG.org - You Can Have Living Faith (Booklet)

LCG – Building Real Faith

4 Types of Faith

1. **Saving Faith**- “For by grace are ye saved through **faith**; & that not of yourselves:it is the gift of God:” (Eph 2:8)
2. **THE Faith** - Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the **faith**. Test yourselves... (2 Cor 13:5)
3. **Living Faith** - ...The just shall **live** by **faith**. (Rom 1:17 NKJV)
4. **Personal Faith** - Do you have **faith**? Have it to yourself before God... (Rom 14:22a NKJV)
... Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. (Rom 14:22b NKJV)

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The modern scientific enterprise would seek to explain all events, processes and phenomena on a strictly naturalistic basis, alleging that miracles are impossible. Any supposed supernatural occurrence, if examined carefully enough, will prove to have a purely natural explanation, at least potentially explicable in terms of scientific laws and processes.

Yet this approach is tantamount to atheism. If God exists, He created these laws and processes and can surely intervene in them if He so chooses. The question is one of evidence, not possibility. God's laws are good and efficient laws, and God would intervene in them only rarely, but always with good reason and good evidence. These two criteria (**adequate reason, adequate evidence**) are satisfied by all the Biblical miracles.

We need to recognize **two basic types of miracles** - miracles of creation (which supersede the basic laws of nature) and miracles of providence (which operates within those laws but which manipulate the timing, location or rate of natural processes).

Miracles Of Creation

(Miracles of Creation, requiring divine intervention in one or both of the two basic laws of science, the laws of conservation of mass / energy and the law of increasing entropy)

Creation Of Matter

1. Creation of Physical Cosmos: *Gen 1:1; 2:4; Col. 1:16*
2. Fire and Brimstone: *Genesis 19:24*
3. The Unconsumed Burning Bush: *Exodus 3:3*
4. Daily Bread From Heaven: *Exodus 16:35*
5. Water from the Rock: *Exodus 17:6*
6. Unfailing Oil and Meal: *1 Kings 17:14*
7. Elijah's Meal in the Wilderness: *1 Kings 19:6*
8. Increase of the Widow's Oil: *2 Kings 4:2-6*
9. Feeding of One Hundred Men: *2 Kings 4:42-44*
10. Feeding Five Thousand Men: *Matt. 14:21; Mk. 6:44; Lk. 9:14-17; John 6:10,11*
11. Feeding Four Thousand Men: *Mat 15:34-38; Mark 8:4-9*

Creation of Energy, Force, or Power

12. Energizing the Created Cosmos: *Genesis 1:2,3*
13. Translation of Enoch: *Genesis 5:24*
14. Smoking Furnace and Burning Lamp: *Genesis 15:17*
15. Pillar of Cloud and Fire: *Exodus 13:21*
16. Wall of Water at the Red Sea: *Exodus 14:29*
17. Giving of the Law on Sinai: *Exodus 24:12-18; 31:18*
18. Glory Cloud in the Tabernacle: *Exodus 40:35*
19. Burning of Nadab and Abihu: *Leviticus 10:1,2*
20. Fire of the Lord at Taberah: *Numbers 11:1,2*
21. Sun and Moon Standing Still: *Joshua 10:11-14*
22. Consumption of Gideon's Offering: *Judges 6:21*
23. Glory Cloud in the Temple: *1 Kings 8:10,11; 2 Chronicles 7:1,2*
24. Fire on Elijah's People: *1 Kings 18:37-39*

25. Elijah's Deliverance by Fire from Heaven: *2Kgs 1:10-14*
26. Parting of the Water by Elijah's Mantle: *2 Kings 2:8*
27. Translation of Elijah: *2 Kings 2:11*
28. Parting of the Waters by Elisha: *2 Kings 2:14*
29. The Floating Ax-head: *2 Kings 6:6*
30. Reversing Shadow on Sun Dial: *2Kgs 20:11;Is 38:8*
31. Translation of Ezekiel: *Ezekiel 3:14,15*
32. Protection in the Fiery Furnace: *Daniel 3:20-26*
33. Voice from Heaven at Christ's Baptism: *Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22*
34. Walking on the Water: *Mat 14:25;Mark 6:48;John 6:19*
35. Transfiguration of Christ: *Matthew 17:2,3; Mark 9:2,3; Luke 9:29-31*
36. Darkness at Cross: *Mat 27:45;Mark 15:33; Luke 23:45*
37. Rending of the Temple Veil: *Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45*
38. Ascension of Christ: *Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9*
39. Translation of Philip: *Acts 8:39*
40. Rapture of Paul to Paradise: *2 Corinthians 12:2-4*

Creation of Order, Information, or Complexity

41. Formation of Atmosphere & Hydrosphere: *Gen 1:6-8*
42. Formation of Lithosphere and Biosphere: *Gen 1:9-13*
43. Formation of Astrophere: *Genesis 1:14-19*
44. Formation of Air and Water Animals: *Genesis 1:20-23*
45. Formation of Land Animals: *Genesis 1:24,25*
46. Formation of Man and Woman: *Genesis 1:26,27*
47. Formation of New Tongues at Babel: *Genesis 11:9*
48. Restoration of Moses' Leprous Hand: *Exodus 4:7*
49. Turning of Rivers into Blood: *Exodus 7:20*
50. Balaam's Ass Enabled to Speak: *Numbers 22:28*
51. Healing of Naaman's Leprosy: *2 Kings 5:14*
52. Healing a Leper: *Mat 8:3; Mark 1:40,41; Luke 5:12-14*
53. Healing of Centurion's Servant: *Mat 8:13; Luke 7:1-10*
54. Healing of Two Blind Men: *Matthew 9:29-30*
55. Healing Withered Hand: *Mat 12:13;Mark 3:5;Luke 6:10*
56. Healing Blind & Dumb Demented: *Mat 12:22;Luke 11:14*
57. Healing Two Blind Men at Jericho: *Matthew 20:30-34*
58. Healing of the Ten Lepers: *Luke 17:12-14*
59. Turning Water into Wine: *John 2:9-11*
60. Healing of the Nobleman's Son: *John 4:46-52*
61. Healing of the Crippled Man at Bethesda: *John 5:9*
62. Sight for the Man Born Blind: *John 9:1-7*
63. The Great Catch of Fishes: *John 21:11*
64. Healing at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple: *Acts 3:6-8*
65. Healing of the Cripple at Lystra: *Acts 14:8-10*

Creation of Biological Life

66. Creation of Life (Nephesh): *Genesis 1:21*
67. Conception of Isaac: *Gnesis 21:1,2*
68. Transformation of Rod to Serpent: *Exodus 4:2-4*
69. Budding of Aaron's Rod: *Numbers 17:8*

- 70. Raising of Samuel by Witch of Endor: *1Sam 28:11,12*
- 71. Raising the Widow's Son: *1 Kings 17:22*
- 72. Raising the Shunammite's Son: *2 Kings 4:33-36*
- 73. Raising at the Tomb of Elisha: *2 Kings 13:21*
- 74. The Handwriting on the Wall: *Daniel 5:5*
- 75. Raising of Jairus's Daughter: *Matthew 9:25*
- 76. Bodies of Saints Rising: *Matthew 27:52*
- 77. Raising of the Widows's Son: *Luke 7:15*
- 78. Raising of Lazarus: *John 11:43,44*
- 79. Raising of Tabitha by Peter: *Acts 9:40,41*
- 80. Raising of Paul after Stoning: *Acts 14:19,20*
- 81. Raising of Eutychus by Paul: *Acts 20:9-12*

Creation of Spiritual Life, or Spiritual Renewal

- 82. Creation of Man in the Image of God: *Genesis 1:27*
- 83. Entering of the Holy Spirit into Ezekiel: *Ezekiel 2:2*
- 84. Virgin Birth of Christ: *Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38*
- 85. Resurrection of Christ: *Matthew 8:6; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:42-25*
- 86. Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: *Acts 2:2-6*
- 87. Reception of the Holy Spirit by Laying on of Hands: *Acts 8:17*
- 88. Conversion of Saul: *Acts 9:3-7*
- 89. Holy Spirit Received at the House of Cornelius: *Acts 10:44-46*
- 90. Holy Spirit Received by the Disciples of John: *Acts 19:6*

MIRACLES OF PROVIDENCE

(Miracles performed within the two basic laws governing natural processes, but requiring divine or angelic control of process rate and timing)

- 91. Simultaneous Eruption of Fountains of the Deep: *Genesis 7:11*
- 92. Forty-day Global Rain: *Genesis 7:12*
- 93. Global Wind to Assuage the Flood: *Genesis 8:1*
- 94. Establishment of the Rainbow: *Genesis 9:13*
- 95. Removal of the Plague of Flies: *Exodus 8:31*
- 96. Plague of Hail and Fire: *Exodus 9:23,24*
- 97. Stopping of the Hail and Fire: *Exodus 9:33*
- 98. Wind to Remove the Locusts: *Exodus 10:19*
- 99. Plague of Thick Darkness: *Exodus 10:23*
- 100. Sweetening of the Waters of Marah: *Exodus 15:25*
- 101. Wind to Bring in the Quail: *Numbers 11:31*
- 102. Earthquake to Swallow Korah: *Numbers 16:31-33*
- 103. Water from the Rock at Meribah: *Num 20:10,11*
- 104. Non-aging Raiment: *Deuteronomy 8:4*
- 105. Drying of the Jordan: *Josgua 3:15-17*
- 106. Collapse of the Walls of Jericho: *Joshua 6:20*
- 107. Stars Fighting Against Sisera: *Judges 5:20,21*
- 108. Consumption of Gideon's Offering: *Judges 6:21*
- 109. Wet Fleece and Dry Ground: *Judges 6:38*
- 110. Dry Fleece and Wet Ground: *Judges 6:40*
- 111. Consumption of Manoah's Offering: *Judg 13:19,20*
- 112. Thunder on the Philistines: *1 Samuel 7:10*

113. Thunder and Rain for Samuel: *1 Samuel 12:18*
114. The Great Trembling Among the Philistines:
1 Samuel 14:15,16
115. Going Sound in the Mulberry Trees: *2 Samuel 5:24*
116. Elijah's 3 ½ year Drought: *1Kgs 17:1*
117. End of the Drought: *1 Kings 18:42-45*
118. Wind, Earthquake, and Fire: *1 Kings 19:11,12*
119. Healing of the Waters: *2 Kings 2:21*
120. Water Seen as Blood: *2 King 3:22*
121. Meal to Heal Death in the Pot: *2 Kings 4:40,41*
122. Jonah's Ship and the Tempest: *Jonah 1:4*
123. Star of Bethlehem: *Matthew 2:2-9*
124. Stilling Waves: *Mat 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24*
125. Earthquake at Calvary: *Matthew 27:51*
126. Earthquake at the Tomb: *Matthew 28:2*
127. Opening of the Tomb: *Matthew 28:2; Mark 16:4; Luke 24:2; John 20:1*
128. Shaking in the Disciple's Room: *Acts 4:31*
129. Opening the Prison Doors: *Acts 5:19*
130. Release of Peter from Prison: *Acts 12:5-7*
131. Earthquake in Philippian Prison: *Acts 16:25,26*

Control of Biological Process Rates or Timing

132. Migration of Animals to Noah's Ark: *Genesis 6:20*
133. Transmutation of Lot's Wife into Salt: *Gen 19:26*
134. Plague of Frog Multiplication: *Exodus 8:6*
135. Death of Frogs: *Exodus 8:13*
136. Plague of Lice: *Exodus 8:17*
137. Plague of Flies: *Exodus 8:24*
138. Plague of Murrain on Cattle: *Exodus 9:3*
139. Plague of Locusts: *Exodus 10:13-15*
140. Non-swelling Feet: *Deuteronomy 8:4*
141. Jonah Preserved in the Whale: *Jonah 2:10*
142. The Gourd and the Worm: *Jonah 4:6,7*
143. Withering of the Fig Tree: *Matthew 21:19; Mark 11:20,21*
144. Heavy Draught of Fishes: *Luke 5:6*

Acceleration of Decay Processes in Human Bobies

145. Mark on Cain: *Genesis 4:15*
146. Plague on Pharaoh's House: *Genesis 12:17*
147. Blindness of the Sodomites: *Genesis 19:11*
148. Barrenness of Abimelech's Wives: *Genesis 20:18*
149. Shrinking of Jacob's Thigh: *Genesis 32:25*
150. Leprosy in Moses' Hand: *Exodus 4:6*
151. Plague of Boils: *Exodus 9:10*
152. Plague of Firstborns Death: *Exodus 12:29*
153. Plague from Eating Quail: *Numbers 11:33*
154. Miriam's Leprosy: *Numbers 12:10*
155. Plague from Following Balaam: *Numbers 25:8,9*

156. Destruction of Samson's Strength: *Judgs 16:17-19*
157. Plague from Presence of Ark: *1 Sam 5:2-11; 6:19*
158. Death of Uzzah from Touching Ark: *2 Sam 6:6,7*
159. Plague from David's Census: *2 Samuel 24:15,16*
160. Leprosy on Elisha's Servant: *2 Kings 5:27*
161. Blindness of the Syrians: *2 Kins 6:18*
162. Slaying of Sennacherib's Army: *2 Kings 19:35*
163. Uzziah's Leprosy: *2 Chronicles 26:19,20*
164. Madness of Nebuchadnezzar: *Daniel 4:31-33*
165. Death of Christ: *Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30*
166. Dumbness of Zacharias: *Luke 1:20*
167. Death of Ananias: *Acts 5:5*
168. Death of Sapphira: *Acts 5:10*
169. Death of Herod: *Acts 12:23*
170. Blindness of Elymas: *Acts 13:11*

Acceleration of Healing Processes in Human Bodies

171. Remove Plague from Pharaoh's House: *Gen 12:17*
172. Healing the Womb of Abimelech's Wife: *Gen 20:17*
173. Rebekah's Barrenness Healed: *Genesis 25:21*
174. Rachel Made Fertile: *Genesis 30:22*
175. Healing of the Serpent Bites: *Numbers 21:8*
176. Restoration of Samson's Strength: *Judg 16:28-30*
177. Conception of Samuel: *1 Samuel 1:27*
178. Stopping of the Numbering Plague: *2 Sam 24:16*
179. Conception by the Shunammite: *2 Kings 4:17*
180. Healing of Hezekiah: *2 Kings 20:5-7*
181. Remove Nebuchadnezzar's Madness: *Dan 4:34-36*
182. Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law: *Matthew 8:15; Mark 1:31; Luke 4:39*
183. Healing of the Palsied Man: *Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:12; Luke 5:25*
184. Stopping the Issue of Blood: *Matthew 9:22; Mark 5:29; Luke 8:47*
185. Healing of the Deaf and Dumb Man: *Mark 7:32-35*
186. The Blind at Bethsaida: *Mark 8:22-25*
187. Blind of Bartimaeus: *Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43*
188. Conception of John the Baptist: *Luke 1:24*
189. Removal of Zacharias's Dumbness: *Luke 1:64*
190. Man with the Dropsy: *Luke 14:4*
191. Restoration of the Severed Ear: *Luke 22:51*
192. Removal of Saul's Blindness: *Acts 9:18*
193. Healing of Aeneas: *Acts 9:33,34*
194. Healing of the Viper Bite: *Acts 28:3-6*
195. Healing of Publius's Father: *Acts 28:8*

Casting Out Demons

196. Evil Spirit in Saul: *1 Samuel 16:23*

- 197. Two Men in the Gaderene Tombs: *Mat 8:28-32; Mark 5:2-13; Luke 8:26-33*
- 198. Dumb Man in Capernaum: *Matthew 9:32,33*
- 199. Blind and Dumb Man: *Matthew 12:22; Luke 11:14*
- 200. Syro-Phoenician Woman's Daughter: *Matt 15:22-28; Mark 7:25-30*
- 201. Demon-possessed Child: *Matthew 17:14-18; Mark 9:17-27; Luke 9:38-42*
- 202. Capernaum Synagogue Demoniac: *Mark 1:23-26; Luke 4:31-37*
- 203. Mary Magdalene: *Luke 8:2*
- 204. Woman with Spirit of Infirmity: *Luke 13:11-13*
- 205. Damsel at Philippi: *Acts 16:18*

Providential Timing of Events

- 206. Meeting of Rebekah & Servant: *Gen 24:14,15*
- 207. Growth of Jacob's Flock: *Genesis 31:9*
- 208. Holding Up Moses' Hands: *Exodus 17:11*
- 209. Identification of Guilty Achan: *Joshua 7:18*
- 210. Blessing on House of Obed-Edom: *2 Samuel 6:12*
- 211. Prophet Slain by the Lion: *1 Kings 13:24*
- 212. Elijah Fed by Raven: *1 Kings 17:6*
- 213. Elisha and the Bear: *2 Kings 2:24*
- 214. Deliverance of Jehoshaphat: *2 Chronicles 20:20-24*
- 215. Daniel in the Lion's Den: *Daniel 6:22*
- 216. Preparation of Jonah's Fish: *Jonah 1:17*
- 217. Tribute Money and the Fish: *Matthew 17:27*

SATANIC AND DEMONIC MIRACLES

(Control of rate or timing of natural processes by Satan or Satanic angels, including hypnotic delusion)
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Counterfeit Miracles of Creation

- 218. Giants in the Earth: *Genesis 6:4*
- 219. Magicians Making Rods Seem as Serpents: *Exodus 7:11,12*
- 220. Giants in the Land: *Numbers 13:33*
- 221. Evil Spirit in Saul: *1 Samuel 16:23*
- 222. Lying Spirits of Ahab: *1 Kings 22:23; 2Chron 18:22*
- 223. Spirit Message to Eliphaz: *Job 4:15,16*
- 224. Translation of Christ to Temple Pinnacle: *Matthew 4:5; Luke 4:9*
- 225. Translation of Christ to High Mountain: *Matthew 4:8; Luke 4:5*

Counterfeit Miracles of Providence

- 226. Magicians Making Water as Blood: *Exodus 7:22*
- 227. Magicians Causing Frogs to Multiply: *Exodus 8:7*
- 228. Destruction of Job's Oxen: *Job 1:14,15*
- 229. Destruction of Job's Sheep: *Job 1:16*
- 230. Death of Job's Servants: *Job 1:17*
- 231. Death of Job's Children: *Job 1:19*

- 232. Boils on Job’s Body: *Job 2:7*
- 233. Paul’s Thorn in the Flesh: *2 Corinthians 12:7*

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Building Real Faith – (LCG) 7 steps

The challenge facing each of us as Christians is, how do we build real faith? What is involved? This is nothing new and is not limited to our present age. Even in the first century as Christ was beginning His church, “...the apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith’” (Luke 17:5). They knew they needed more faith and they asked for guidance. Peter later writes that we must give diligent effort to increase and add to our faith (2 Peter 11:5–11). But what must we do? Consider the following 7 steps.

- (1) **Ask God for more faith.** Jesus instructed His disciples to ask, seek and to knock (Matthew 7:7–12). James offers the same advice (James 1:5). This is why the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. We can do the same. Pray earnestly about this.
- (2) **Prove what you believe.** Follow Paul’s admonition (1 Thessalonians 5:21) and prove that God exists, that the Bible is His inspired word, where the true Church is and who are God’s true ministers. Prove what the Bible actually says, and hold fast to what you prove to be the truth.
- (3) **Study what the Bible reveals about faith.** Read and meditate on the examples of faith described in Hebrews 11. Read the original accounts in the Old Testament. Determine what lessons you can draw from these accounts. Learn and grow.
- (4) **Stir up God’s Spirit.** Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit. God gives His Spirit to those who repent and obey Him. Pray, study, meditate and fast regularly. Nourish and use God’s Spirit. Doubts will disappear as our faith grows (2 Timothy 1:6–7).
- (5) **Live by faith.** Put into practice what you read in the Scriptures. Trust God and His Word. If the Bible says to do it, then do it—don’t argue with the Scriptures. The American writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, “We live by faith or we do not live at all. Either we venture or we vegetate. If we venture, we do so by faith simply because we cannot know the end of anything at its beginning. We risk marriage or we stay single. We prepare for a profession by faith or we give up before we start. By faith we move mountains of opposition or we are stopped by mole hills.”
- (6) **Endure trials that will arise as you strive to live by every word of God.** Enduring and overcoming the trials will help us build both faith and patience (James 1:2–4). It has been said, “If we desire to increase faith we must consent to its testing.” Remember that God has promised to get us through the trials (1 Corinthians 10:13) and the trials He allows are for our ultimate good (Romans 8:28).
- (7) **Don’t compromise or deny the true faith.** The Bible warns repeatedly about false teachers who will undermine and overthrow the faith of others by promoting misleading doctrines and ideas. We are also told many will depart from or discard the true faith. However, the Scriptures clearly state there is one faith and one body [church], and it is the job of the ministry to promote the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:4–6, 12–13). The role of the church is to maintain true doctrines (1 Timothy 3:15–16, see also Acts 15). This is why it is so important to know where God’s true Church is today and what the Bible actually says. The Scriptures are not to be interpreted as each individual sees fit in his or her own mind (2 Peter 1:20). This only leads to confusion, which damages and destroys faith. As we approach the end of this age and Satan increases his attacks on true believers, we will have to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once and for all delivered to the saints” (Jude :3).

Faith is important to God. Faithfulness is as important in our physical life as it is for our eternal life. As the apostle Paul saw the end of his life approaching he concluded, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7–8). He knew—he had faith and total confidence—his reward awaited him. The God of this universe has big things in store for all mankind—especially for those He is calling to be His firstfruits—those who learn now to trust Him. Let’s make a diligent effort to grow in faith. Let’s hold on faithfully to the Truth God has revealed to His Church. Let’s strive to build an atmosphere of faith in the Living Church of God—so when Jesus Christ returns He will find real faith in those He has called.

Jim's Top 50 Scriptures about Faith (of 2 in the Old Testament & 227 in the New Testament)

1. (Deu 32:20 NKJV) And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no **faith**.
2. (Hab 2:4 NKJV) "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his **faith**.
3. (Mat 8:10 NKJV) When Jesus heard it (the centurion), He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great **faith**, not even in Israel!"
4. (Mat 8:26 NKJV) But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little **faith**?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
5. (Mat 9:2 NKJV) Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their **faith**, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."
6. (Mat 9:22 NKJV) But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; **your faith** has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.
7. (Mat 14:31 NKJV) & Jesus stretched out His hand & caught him, & said to him (Peter), "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
8. (Mat 17:20 NKJV) So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have **faith** as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and **nothing will be impossible** for you.
9. (Mat 21:21-2 NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have **faith** and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
10. (Mat 23:23 NKJV) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the **weightier matters of the law**: justice and mercy and **faith**. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.
11. (Mark 6:5-6 NKJV) Now He **could do** no mighty work there (Jesus' home town), except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief.
12. (Luke 17:5-6 NKJV) And the apostles said to the Lord, "**Increase our faith**." So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
13. (Luke 18:6 NKJV) Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, **when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"**
14. (Luke 22:31-32 NKJV) And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. "But I have prayed for you, that your **faith** should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."
15. (Acts 3:15-16 NKJV) "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through **faith** in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the **faith** which comes **through Him** has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

16. (Acts 14:9-10 NKJV) This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, **observing him intently and seeing that he had faith** to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.
17. (Acts 20:21 NKJV) "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and **faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
18. (Rom 1:17 NKJV) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed **from faith to faith**; as it is written, "The just shall live by **faith**."
19. (Rom 3:27-8 NKJV) Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by **the law of faith**. Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified by faith** apart from the deeds of the law.
20. (Rom 3:30-1 NKJV) since there is **one God** who will justify the **circumcised by faith** and the **uncircumcised through faith**. Do we then make void the law through **faith**? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.
21. (Rom 10:17 NKJV) So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
22. (Rom 12:3 NKJV) For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one **a measure of faith**.
23. (Rom 12:6 NKJV) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in **proportion to our faith**;
24. (Rom 14:22-23 NKJV) Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for **whatever is not from faith is sin**.
25. (1 Cor 12:9 NKJV) (Gifts of the Spirit) to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit,
26. (1 Cor 13:2 NKJV) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have **all faith**, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
27. (1 Cor 13:13 NKJV) And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
28. (2 Cor 5:7 NKJV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.
29. (2 Cor 13:5 NKJV) Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?; unless indeed you are disqualified.
30. (Gal 2:16 NKJV) " a man is not justified by the works of the law **but by faith** in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ & not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.
31. (Gal 3:5-7 NKJV) Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the **hearing of faith?**; just as Abraham "**believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Therefore know that **only those who are of faith** are sons of Abraham. (Gal 3:9 KJV) So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
32. (Gal 3:25-26 NKJV) But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

33. (Gal 5:6 NKJV) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **faith** working through love.
34. (Gal 6:10 NKJV) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
35. (Eph 2:8) For by grace you have been saved through **faith**, & that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any should boast
36. (Eph 4:5 NKJV) one Lord, **one faith**, one baptism;
37. (Eph 6:16 NKJV) above all, taking the shield of **faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
38. (1 Th 5:8 NKJV) But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the **breastplate of faith & love**, & as a helmet the hope of salvation.
39. (2 Th 3:2 NKJV) and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; **for not all have faith**.
40. (1 Tim 4:1 NKJV) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will **depart from the faith**, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
41. (1 Tim 5:8 NKJV) But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
42. (1 Tim 6:10 NKJV) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
43. (2 Tim 4:7 NKJV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
44. (Heb 6:1 NKJV) Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of **faith toward God**,
45. (Heb 11:1 NKJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
46. (Heb 11:39 NKJV) And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,
47. (James 1:3 NKJV) knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
48. (James 1:6-7 NKJV) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
49. (James 2:18 NKJV) But someone will say, "You have **faith**, and I have works." Show me your **faith** without your works, and I will show you my **faith** by my works. (James 2:20 NKJV) But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is dead**?
50. (James 5:15 NKJV) & the **prayer of faith** will save the sick, the Lord will raise him up & if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven

51. (1 Pet 1:7 NKJV) that the **genuineness of your faith**, being much **more precious than gold** that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
52. (2 Pet 1:5 NKJV) But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
53. (1 John 5:4 NKJV) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And **this** is the victory that has overcome the world; **our faith**.
54. (Jude 1:3 NKJV) Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend **earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints.
55. (Rev 14:12 NKJV) Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the **faith of Jesus**