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THE GIFT OF FAITH

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Ephesians 2:8

FOUR YOU: A christian should know that in order to believe in Christ, it is necessary to have faith in Christ. This faith will never fade away because it's God's irrevocable gift.

Faith is a Gift From God Not From Man

- “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)
- “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (James 1:17)
- A faith is a fruit of the spirit. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.” (Galatians 5:22)
- A sincere faith. (2 Timothy 1:5)

Every Believer Shares the Same Faith – The Gift

- According to the faith that belongs to each one. “Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness.” (Titus 1:1)
- “ To Titus, my true son in our common faith...” (Titus 1:4)

- "... To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours." (2 Peter 1:1)
- "... accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." (Romans 12:3)
- "...we have that same spirit of faith..." (2 Corinthians 4:13)

The Faith (gift) Received Was Given Once And It's Also Forever And Irrevocable

- "... the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people." (Jude 3)
- "for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." (Romans 11:29)

Believers Have the Same Faith of Christ

- "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus." (Revelation 14:12)
- "...The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God..." (Galatians 2:20)
- "... Justifies those who have faith in Jesus..." (Romans 3:26)
- "... Building yourselves up in your most holy faith..." (Jude 20)

Jesus was The Creator of the Faith (the gift) that Would be Revealed

- He was the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:2)
- The faith that was to come would be revealed.

Before Christ There was Degrees of Faith and the Gift of Faith Had Not Arrived Still

- "The righteous person will live by his faithfulness". (Habakkuk 2:4)
- "Men of little faith!" (Luke 12:28)

- “I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.” (Matthew 8:10)
- “Jesus saw their faith.” (Mark 2:5)
- “Daughter, your faith has healed you.” (Luke 8:48)
- “Woman, you have great faith!” (Matthew 15:28)
- “Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5)

After Christ What We Have Are: A Weak Faith (the Gift) or A Firm Faith (the Gift)

- “Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters”. (Romans 14:1)
- “... if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.” (Colossians 1:23)

The Faith of Christ is not Lost What is Lost is the Confidence

- “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.” (Hebrews 10:35)

The Faith (the Gift) Keep Us Saved Forever

- “But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” (Hebrews 10:39)

The Faith (the Gift) Was Not For Everyone But For the Elected Only

- For not everyone has faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:2)
- The faith of God’s elect. (Titus 1:1)

FINAL WORD – Paul makes us a call to keep the unity of the Spirit: one Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one Faith (the gift of Christ) until we all reach the unity of faith (to know the faith of Christ – the Gift).