

INCREASING OUR FAITH

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THE WHAT OF FAITH (**What Is Biblical Faith?**)

1. Faith is complete trust in Jesus conjoined with obedience (Thayer's Lexicon)
2. Complete faithfulness, and commitment to God (Phil 1:21)
3. Faith that is accompanied by works of obedience (James 2)
4. Faith could also be a reference to the Word of God (Jude 3)

THE WHY OF FAITH (**Why Do We Need to Have Faith?**)

1. Without faith (trust and obedience), we cannot please God (without trust and obedience; context of Heb. 11).
2. Without faith (trust and obedience), we cannot overcome the world (1 John 5:4). Many difficulties in the world (Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 P. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:1).
3. Without faith (trust and obedience), people cannot be saved (John 8:24).
4. Without faith (trust and obedience), people cannot receive forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43).
5. Without faith (trust and obedience), we cannot enjoy the hope of eternal life (John 3:16).
6. Without faith (trust and obedience) man cannot be justified before God (Rom. 5:1).
7. Without faith (trust and obedience), our prayers cannot be answered (James 1:5-6).
8. As we can see, faith is essential in our lives!

THE HOW OF FAITH (**How Can We Increase Our Faith?**)

1. Through a **DEEP DESIRE** of wanting to have the kind of faith that pleases God!
2. Through **PRAYER** (1 Thess. 5:17).
3. Through regular and diligent **BIBLE STUDY** (We learn more about God and His Will; Rom. 10:17).
4. Through our total trust in God when we face affliction! (Heb. 13:5).
5. Through our diligent participation in the work of the Lord!

CONCLUSION: