

## "Even Our F-A-I-T-H"

Text: I John 5:4

The following points explain the value of faith and enumerate some of the things that it brings to believers:

### I. Faith Brings F-reedom

"if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

- A. Some Christians are bound by false guilt. They are denied many of God's blessings because they suffer unnecessarily.
- B. We must recognize that which is false and then accept our freedom in Christ through faith. We are forgiven, cleansed, and promised heaven (Rom. 3:24).

### II. Faith Brings A-ction

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." (James 1:22).

- A. Many Christians willingly talk about faith, but they stop there. Scripture tells us that "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20).
- B. To be effective, faith must be active. Our faith works for us only as we work our faith. Active faith requires doing, being, speaking, living, and loving God and others.

### III. Faith Brings i-nsight

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God... and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

- A. Many Christians lack spiritual insight. They do or say things that hinder and hurt God's kingdom.
- B. God wants to help His people make right choices and decisions. Wisdom is given to those who "ask in faith" (James 1:6).

### IV. Faith Brings T-rust

"And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them... because they trust in him" (Ps. 37:40).

- A. Many Christians fail to completely trust the Lord. They look to temporal things-houses, cars, and money for their security.
- B. Faith brings trust. Trust causes one to rely or depend on, to commit to, or to have confidence in. We must trust in the Lord. He never fails (I John 5:14-15).

V. Faith Brings H-eaven

believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:1-2).

A. Faith brings heaven. Jesus promised to prepare a place for those who believe in Him.

B. He also promised, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

