

"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).