



World Victory Church

"The Basics of Faith" part 1

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- I. **Hebrews 11:1-6**
 - A. What Faith Is
 1. Faith is the substance (foundation, substructure) of things hoped for (Earnestly Expecting), the Evidence (The Proof or Confidence) of things not seen.
 2. Faith is the Spiritual Force that Connects Your World to God's World
 - B. Why Faith?
 1. It is the only way to please God
 2. 2-fold criteria
 - Believe that He is
 - Believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him
 - C. How do I receive faith? **Romans 10:13-17**
 1. The first thing to realize is this: Faith cometh! (God sends it, but we must open our ears to receive it)
 2. Faith only comes one way: By hearing and hearing and hearing.....
 3. The only way to receive faith is by hearing; the way to increase your faith is by activating what you have heard (**Luke 17:5-6**)
- II. The Salvation Experience (The Complete Package) (Sozo)
 - A. What does it mean to be saved?
 1. Jesus said it this way in **John 3:1-6**, "*You must be born again.*"
 - Reborn in the spirit: this is the qualification that gives you Heirship to the Kingdom of Heaven
 - **II Corinthians 5:17** "*Old things are passed away and all things are become new (Born Again)*"
 2. What brings people to God? Answer: His Goodness (Romans 2:4) / This brings to question the reason (foundation) by which people have accepted Jesus under the coercion of fear. Why did people come to Jesus in the N.T.? Answer: They knew He had what they were looking for!
 - Preaching the Real Jesus
 - You shouldn't come to God to avoid hell; you come to Him to Gain Heaven!
 3. Peter said in **Acts 2:37-38** "*Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus.*"
 4. Jesus said in **Luke 6:46** "*Why do you call me Lord and do not the things I tell you?*"
 5. Jesus said in **John 15:7-8** "*If you abide in me..... so shall you be my disciples.*"
 - B. The simple understanding of salvation:
 1. Hear of His goodness (Faith comes by hearing)

2. Believe in His goodness (Believe in your heart) (**John 3:16**)
3. Repent of your sin (Confess with your mouth)
4. Follow Him (So shall you be my disciples) (Bear the fruit of the Real Jesus)