THE MPORTANCE OF FAITH SERIES

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

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Mark 11:22-24

- 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
- 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
- 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Introduction

- A. The message the world needs to hear (11:22)
- B. The mountain that perfect faith moves (11:23)
- C. The method of perfect faith (11:24)
- D. The manner of perfect faith we need

Romans 5:1-2

- 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

A. The promise in pardoning faith

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

John 6:37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

- A. The promise in pardoning faith
 - 1. His promise is not hid
- 2 Corinthians 4:3

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2. His promise is not handled

Matthew 23:26

Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

- B. The peace in pardoning faith
 - 1. Justification
- 1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

2. Joy

1 Peter 1:8

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy joy unspeakable and full of glory:

- B. The peace in pardoning faith
 - 3. Jesus

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- C. The pass in pardoning faith
- Psalm 32:1-2
- 1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

II. Purifying Faith Is Perfect Faith Acts 15:9

And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

II. Purifying Faith Is Perfect Faith

A. Heart purifying faith

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

II. Purifying Faith Is Perfect Faith

A. Heart purifying faith

- 1. Be convicted
- 2. Be confessing
 - a. Confess the faults
 - **b.** Confess the faulty
 - c. Confess the faith
- 3. Be contrite

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

II. Purifying Faith Is Perfect Faith

B. Holy purifying faith

1 Peter 1:15

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

- 1. You've deserted the sin
- 2. You're dedicated to the Savior
- 3. You're determined to serve
- 2 Timothy 2:21

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

III. Penetrating Faith Is Perfect Faith

Matthew 15:22, 28

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

III. Penetrating Faith Is Perfect Faith

- A. Penetrates doubts
- **1 Timothy 2:8**
- I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- **B.** Penetrates discouragement
- 2 Corinthians 4:8
- We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
- C. Penetrate s defeats
- **Proverbs 24:16**
- For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

IV. Persevering Faith Is Perfect Faith 1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

- A. When you see no progress
- 2 Peter 2:5

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

IV. Persevering Faith Is Perfect Faith

B. When you see no promise

Hebrews 11:39

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

C. When you see no purpose

Job 1:21

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

What Part Of Your Faith Needs Perfecting?