

LIVING BY FAITH

“The righteous shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17

“We live by faith and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

What is faith?

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Key words: SURE, CERTAIN. No room for doubt, neither “perhaps”.

WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8

“I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.” Acts 20:21

Key words: Repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE ARE HEALED BY FAITH

CASE STUDY OF A BLIND MAN

Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"Go," said Jesus, "**your faith has healed you.**" Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

CASE STUDY OF DELIVERANCE FROM DEMON POSSESSION

Matthew 15:21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered, "**Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.**" And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

CASE STUDY OF TWO BLIND MEN

Matthew 9:27-29

"As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "**According to your faith will it be done to you**"; and their sight was restored."

LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY BY FAITH AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD.

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity."

Proverbs 3:1-2

ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE BY FAITH

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

ACCESS INTO THE GRACE OF GOD BY FAITH

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2