

**THE
IMPORTANCE
OF
FAITH
SERIES**

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

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PRIZED FAITH**

1 JOHN 5:1-15

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1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:1-15 - continued

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

1 John 5:1-15 - continued

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:1-15 - continued

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Prizes Of Faith

A. Born as a Son of God (5:1)

B. Loving God (5:2)

C. Loving and being loved by God's people (5:2)

D. Keeping God's commandments (5:3)

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E. Overcoming the world (5:4)

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F. Eternal Life (5:11)

G. Confidence (5:14)

H. Lacking these ?

Ask for them (5:15)

I. Freedom

John 8:36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

A. The source of our freedom

1. The Savior

2. The Salvation

3. The Spirit

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

I. Freedom

B. The scope of our freedom

1. Free from sin

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

2. Free from Satan

Romans 16:20

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

I. Freedom

B. The scope of our freedom - continued

3. Free from sentence

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

C. The soul of our freedom

John 4:14

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

II. Assurance

A. I am assured in heart

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

B. I am assured in heaven (5:7)

Revelation 3:5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

II. Assurance

C. I am assured in help

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

III. Involvement

Matthew 9:37

**Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is
plenteous, but the labourers are few;**

III. Involvement

A. You get involved in the worship

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

B. You get involved in the work

James 2:17

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

III. Involvement

C. You get involved in the witness

1 Thessalonians 1:8

For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

IV. Triumph

Romans 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

A. Some are lacking faith

Mark 9:28

And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

- 1. Causes disappointment**
- 2. Causes discouragement**
- 3. Causes displeasure**

IV. Triumph

B. Start with a little faith (5:4)

Matthew 17:20

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

- 1. Gives omnipotent results**
- 2. Gives outstanding results**
- 3. Gives overcoming results**

V. Heaven

Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

V. Heaven

A. Know faith (5:13)

Romans 3:25

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

B. Keep faith

2 Timothy 1:12

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

The Prizes Are For Your Taking Today

Philippians 3:13-15

13 But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: