

Walking by Faith

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NASB)

⁶“Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight—

⁸we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”

In the Christian community, we often hear the term *faith*. However, when such a word is used frequently, it can become so familiar that we grow immune to its great depth of meaning. Today let's consider what faith actually entails.

All people have faith. For example, it takes a measure of confidence to sit down in a kitchen chair without first testing its strength. Yet belief in the fact that furniture will hold our weight is quite different from entrusting our life to almighty God. A wrong judgment concerning the first may result in a physical bruise, whereas the latter determines not only our success in this life but also our eternal destination.

So, what, exactly, is a biblical definition of faith? [Hebrews 11:1](#) tells us that it is “**the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**”

Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)

¹“Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

And we know that it is impossible to please the Lord without faith ([Hebrews 11:6](#)).

Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)

⁶“And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

In fact, there is nothing we can do that will earn salvation; the only way to heaven is by having confidence in Jesus' substitutionary, sacrificial death on the cross, which paid the penalty we owed for our sin. What's more, faith is nothing we can create within ourselves; Scripture is clear that it is a gift of God ([Ephesians 2:8](#)).

Ephesians 2:8 (NASB)

⁸“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God.”

Have you accepted the heavenly Father's gift of faith and embarked on the wonderful journey that He invites you to share with Him? God responds to searching hearts. If you are unclear whether you have trusted your life to Him with full confidence, ask Him to guide you and reveal truth.