

Section III, Part III: Faith

Summary: Regardless of our circumstances, temptations, trials, feelings, apparent weaknesses, or anything else that may sway our view of reality, we are to continue believing in the revealed character of God. We are not to let outside influences divert our love and devotion and trust away from God, but we are to remain firm, trusting that God is good even when our present reality doesn't appear to be. Faith is when we believe in God's word, needing no other evidence, resting solely upon our belief in His good character.

I. Jesus displayed faith in God; nothing can come into our lives, except by The Father's permission

a. John 19:10-11

i. John 3:27

1. Psalms 62:11 – Power/authority belong to God

ii. Jeremiah 5:22, Job 38:11 – Comparing trials/circumstances with waters

1. We are God's property/private possession, and nothing can happen to us without His direction.

a. 1 Peter 2:9

b. Deuteronomy 14:2



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II. Jesus' faith resulted in victory and joy, despite daunting/painful realities

a. Acts 2:25-28 – Faith in His resurrection

i. John 10:17-18 – Jesus had faith in God's word

ii. Psalms 22:14-15 – Compare Jesus' confession with physical reality

b. We can have faith too. We shall not die but live and declare the works of The LORD

i. John 14:19

ii. Psalms 118:17

iii. Romans 8:11-13 – Jesus' life shall come out of us; therefore have joy presently and trust

III. Jesus was utterly at peace due to His faith in God

a. Mark 4:36-40

i. John 14:27 – The same peace Jesus had, He offers to us

1. Philippians 4:4-9 – How to get that peace of Jesus/God, which is surpassing knowledge

IV. **Jesus trusted in God's decisions even if it didn't make sense, even if it went against "sound reason"**

- a. John 6:64, Luke 6:12-13 – *Compare Jesus' choice of Judas with what He knew to be true of him*
 - i. Let us trust in God. If He tells us to do something, go somewhere, which will result in trouble/distress, let us not assume that it is not of Him. We must seek God through prayer, through fasting, and through His word, and trust that He knows best.
 - 1. Isaiah 55:8
 - 2. Jeremiah 29:11
 - 3. Proverbs 20:24
 - 4. Jeremiah 10:23

V. **Jesus trusted in God's revealed character despite a reality which seemed contrary**

- a. Psalms 22:1-3, 9-10
- b. We must do this as well, trusting in God's character revealed to us through His word despite what is only visible to our eyes or physical senses.
 - i. Hebrews 13:15 – *Declare His good name no matter what*
 - ii. Psalms 77:7-11 – *Our feelings are wrong*
 - 1. Malachi 3:6 – *God's character doesn't change*
 - 2. Psalms 31:21-24 – *Do not speak hastily regarding God*
 - iii. Psalms 73:22-23 – *The flesh causes us to think faith is vain*

Section III Part III, Questions

Part III: Faith

1. What is faith?
2. How did Jesus display faith? What were the fruits of Jesus' faith during trying times?
3. How do we overcome present circumstances, which are unpleasant to the flesh, instead exhibiting faith? How is faith tangible expressed in our lives

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