



CHURCH IN THE HOUSE EDIFICATION MATERIAL (JUNE 2010)

Theme: HEAVEN'S STRATEGY FOR ALL TIME LIVING
Topic: The Source of Genuine Faith – Part II (Faith Dimension)
Text: I Cor 13: 2 “And though I have all faith”

Introduction

In our last study, we were able to establish the truth that there is only **one faith** and it has **only one source** - the living word of God. However, in this study, we want to further buttress the point knowing the correlation between **all faith** and **one faith**.

Ezekiel 1:1-10 talks about four living creatures with four faces, just as faith has four dimensions.

Faith in 4 Dimensions

- (i) The Word of Faith (the word of God) Rom 10: 17
- (ii) The Spirit of Faith (II Cor 4: 13)
- (iii) Faith as in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22 & 23)
- (iv) Faith as in the gift of the Spirit (I Cor 12: 7-11)

Interactive Session

Two vital issues for discussion

- (1) How did people outside of Israel or people not of the covenant, such as the centurion and the syro-phonician woman came by **Great faith** demonstrated by them according to the scriptures in Matt 8: 5 – 13, Matt 15: 21 – 28

Note:

These people had heard about Jesus, that Jesus is the word from the beginning that became flesh. (Luke 7 1 – 10, Mark 7: 24 – 30)

- (2) What kind of faith did the disciples have in Jesus before his death & resurrection and at what point did they become born again.

The disciples did not get born again until the day of Pentecost. The declaration and confession of faith in Jesus by the disciples before His death, in the life of Simeon Peter (Matt 16: 16) and Martha (John 11:27) was a confession of His Messiahship as being the son of God because in John 20: 9 “for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Born Again/ Salvation Faith

No one can therefore claim to be truly born again until the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus becomes real in the life of such a person. The Individual must truly understand and know within his/her heart and confess that Jesus did not only die for me but as me. (I Cor 15: 1-11, Rom 10:4 – 13, Gal 1: 16, 2: 20 – 21, II Cor 5: 14 – 21)

Question: Are you truly born again? Check the foundation of your salvation.

Two types of Faith demonstrated in the bible

- (A) Sense knowledge faith; this is faith based on sense evidence such as; seeing, feeling, signs etc. This is common and majority of people including some Christians operate on this
- (B) Revelation Faith: This is the kind of faith on which every true believer should operate. Our attitude should be believing is seeing. We have not seen Jesus Christ physically, but we believe he died, was buried and resurrected from the dead and He is alive today. (John 20: 29)

Conclusion

No one can by good works save himself because the sacrifice of a sinner s an abomination to God (Prov21: 77) It takes the Holy Spirit both to bring conviction and confrontation in the heart of a person that you are truly a son of God. Rom 8: 1 – 16, John 16: 7 – 11

Prayer Focus

- (1) Lord open my eyes of understanding and give me illumination (Eph 2: 8 – 9, Luke 18: 9 – 14)
- (2) Lord help me to believe, so that I can see your glory (John 11:40, 20: 29)