

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## **Opening The Package of Faith**

*(Foundations of Faith, pt.7)*

**I Corinthians 13:13**, And now abide faith, hope, love, **these three**; but **the greatest of these is love**.

- **Faith** – One of three continually available, eternal attributes of God
- A **resident co-inhabitant in & with Love**
- Faith, Hope & Love are **not fully available** without each other (interdependent)

**I John 4:8**, Whoever **does not love** does not know God, because **God is love**.

**John 1:1-2**, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God.

Because **God is love**, **Faith lives in & with Love**, and **God is the Word**

- **Faith, Hope & Love** are resident and expressed in **God's Word**

**Romans 10:17**, So then **faith comes by hearing**, and hearing **by the word of God**.

- Faith comes packaged in **the Word of God**
- We obtain faith by **hearing God** through **His Word**
- The messages from this series on faith have all come **from God's Word**

Someone said to me once, "With you, Kurt it's Father, Son & Holy Bible"

- Yes, it is. **The Holy Spirit speaks the Word through the Word**
- **John 16:13-14**, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for **He will not speak on His own authority**, but whatever **He hears** He

will speak... for **He will take of what is Mine** and declare it to you."

- What is Christ's? **John 1:1-2**, The Word

So, faith is **of the eternal**, residing in love, **revealed** by the eternal **Word of God**

- Rhema & Logos, both expressed by God and eternal
- **In perfect concert and affirming each other**

We embrace faith in our lives by **hearing Him** who **IS** the Word

**Matthew 17:5**, While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**"

**John 8: 26 & 28**, "I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world **those things** which I heard **from Him**... I do nothing of Myself; but **as My Father taught Me, I speak these things**."

- **The Word we hear**, written & spoken, **originated in God**

How do we recognize God's Word, **spoken by His Spirit** to us?

- We learn to hear Him by **listening to what He has said already**
- **II Timothy 3:16**, All Scripture is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

**John 14:26**, "But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He **will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance **all things that I said** to you."

- By **faith in who gave it**, we receive God's word as true in our lives
- If God's word cannot be trusted in our life...
- We are left to define life on our own

King David trusted God's eternal word to define His life

- **Psalm 119:1-176** (170 verses refer to God's word)

**Psalm 119:9**,

How can a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed according to Your word.

**Psalm 119:11**,

Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
That I might not sin against You.

**Psalm 119:105**,

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.

**Psalm 119:107**,

I am afflicted very much;  
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

**Psalm 119:114**,

You are my hiding place and my shield;  
I hope in Your word.

**Psalm 119:130**,

The entrance of Your words gives light;  
It gives understanding to the simple.

**Psalm 119:133**,

Direct my steps by Your word,  
And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**Psalm 119:140**,

Your word is very pure;  
Therefore Your servant loves it.

**Psalm 119:162**,

I rejoice at Your word  
As one who finds great treasure.

**Psalm 119:169**,

Let my cry come before You, O Lord;  
Give me understanding according to Your word.

**Psalm 119:172**,

My tongue shall speak of Your word,  
For all Your commandments are righteousness.

**Pray these verses every day** and your life will become stronger

Receiving God's word **fills us with faith**

- **Romans 12:2**, And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that **good and acceptable and perfect will of God**.
- **Fill your mind** with the Word of God...
- And **stand confident** in faith in Him
- **Fully armed** with His Word

**Ephesians 6:10-18**, Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore **take up the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and **having done all, to stand**. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **above all, taking the shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **And take the helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of**

**God**; praying always with all prayer and  
supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end  
with all perseverance and supplication for all the  
saints

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We've been given all we need for confident life with  
God

- It comes down to what we do with it