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Introduction

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LOVE

1 John 4:8

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One Definition of **love:**
It's the essence of God
God being the Father, the Son, and the Spirit
they all have the same essence
which is infinite
it manifests itself in
infinite goodness
infinite grace
infinite mercy
infinite kindness
towards man

Would you say that would be an
acceptable definition of **love?**

The Answer is NO!

John 3:18

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men **loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil**

So depending upon the **context of the passage of scripture we're reading, we have to determine what that word means.**

FAITH

When we talk about trust, rest, dependence, whose trust, whose rest, whose dependence are we talking about? .. Ours!

Most of the time, when we talk about faith, we usually think of faith in terms of **our faith, **us**, the focus is on personal faith.**

One Example of personal faith:

FAITH

Matthew 8:5-10

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, **I am not worthy** that Thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great **faith**, no, not in Israel.

FAITH

Hebrews 11:1-7

Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through **faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By **faith** Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By **faith** Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

7 By **faith** Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by **faith**.

Hebrews 11:8-19

By **faith** Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By **faith** he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through **faith** also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in **faith**, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city. 17 By **faith** Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Hebrews 11:20-29

By **faith** Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By **faith** Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. 22 By **faith** Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23 By **faith** Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By **faith** Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. 27 By **faith** he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 Through **faith** he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By **faith** they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

Hebrews 11:30-37

By **faith** the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

31 By **faith** the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through **faith** subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Hebrews 11:38

(**Of whom the world was not worthy:**) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

God's commentary
of whom the world was not worthy.

4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

- 1. FAITH - ITS ESSENCE**
- 2. FAITH - THE FAITH**
- 3. FAITH - PERSONAL**
- 4. FAITH - AS A PRINCIPLE**

QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT IS NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?**
- 2. IS FAITH A GIFT?**
- 3. IS FAITH A WORK?**
- 4. ARE FAITH AND BELIEF THE SAME?**
- 5. ARE THERE DEGREES OF FAITH?**
- 6. DOES OUR FAITH GROW OR INCREASE?**
- 7. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH & KNOWLEDGE?**
- 8. DOES GOD TEST OUR FAITH?**
- 9. DOES FAITH DETERMINE OUR WALK?**
- 10. WHAT ENERGIZES OUR FAITH?**

FAITH

Intimacy with the Lord