

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" *Romans 5:1 KJV*

Faith alone can be really scary unless proven daily. The first step is always the hardest and each successive step is easier than the last. It's best to review proven faith when facing new steps of faith; count your blessings, as it were. Reflect on the provision and trial faith has brought you thus far, and the next step becomes easier. Trust "the goodness of God [that led] thee to repentance" in the first place. Trust God will deliver all His promises to you, just as surely as He already has. Faith confirms the unseen. *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT*



seen. Faith takes God at His Word. Faith needs no relics, signs, or miracles. *An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it* Faith trusts the *still small Voice* of Truth and obeys God's Word implicitly. Faith obeys the *Word of Truth* in its thoughts. Faith without obedience is merely lip-service. If God's Word is not in your thoughts continually, you are disobedient! *This Book of The Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.* If your successes are not God-given, they will destroy you! We cannot have peace with God ignoring His Word. His Word is the essence of who He is! How would you feel if you told the truth and no one believed you? Worse yet, they spread lies about you to everyone. What would you do in such a situation if you were all-powerful? Would you be willing to die for them to affect their rescue? *Consider [Christ], who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. God commendeth His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* Justification and peace with God are provided by the most selfless act of eternity! How great is Love that willingly laid down His life for the very ones that took it? We will never fathom its depth! There is no access to God without faith, for *without faith it is impossible to please Him.* There is no life or peace without faith in Jesus Christ! *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* Not good deeds, not Allah, not Mohammed, not Confucius, not Gandhi, not the pope, not Mary - JESUS! If you want your sins forgiven, they must be forgiven by the One who died for them; JESUS CHRIST! If you want to live forever in heaven you must put your faith in the only One who can take you there; JESUS CHRIST! *No man cometh to the Father but by Me.* ~ JESUS CHRIST

At peace with God, how can it be?
Through faith in Christ I now can see,
I will take the whole of eternity,
To thank my Lord who died for me. ~CGP

Hated and cursed by those He loved, Jesus willingly planned His own death at the hands of angry sinners to redeem them from eternal death. Faith in Jesus transforms sinners into saints, foes into friends, and the dead into the living!

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." ~JESUS CHRIST (John 15:13-14 KJV)