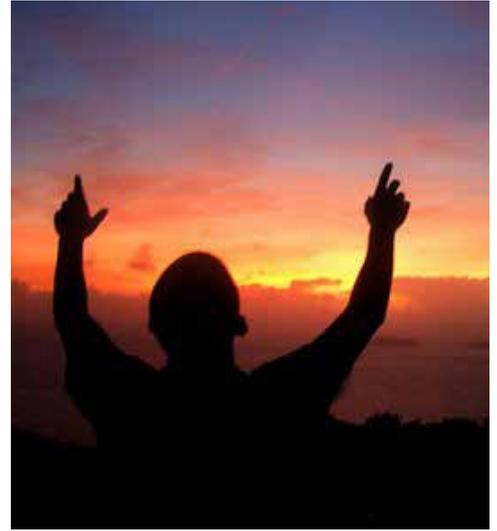


"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep (obey) His Commandments. For this is the Love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and THIS IS THE VICTORY that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 John 5:2-5 KJV



Faith is believing Jesus is the Son of God. What exactly does that mean? "There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost: and THESE THREE ARE ONE." The Angel told Mary, "That Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.' Adam...was the son of God." God created the human flesh Adam's soul inhabited. He became a "living soul" when God breathed "the Breath of Life" into him. God did not do mouth to mouth, but gave Life to Adam's spirit by being with it. When Adam sinned, God left, and Adam died, because death is the absence of life. Jesus is the Body, created by God, placed in the womb of the virgin, Mary. "In Him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead BODILY." Jesus is not a human soul, but the "Word of God made flesh." Believing God's Word is synonymous with believing in Jesus Christ, because Jesus said, "I am the Truth." Obedience of God's Word is the evidence of faith. Truth is the Voice of God, but I cannot hear Truth if I do not know it! "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly. Thy Word is Truth. God is a Spirit and [we] must worship Him in spirit and in Truth." Simply put, God's Word in your thoughts is the essence of hearing God's Word. "Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God." Truth cannot be in your thoughts if you do not know it. "Study to show thyself approved unto God. Meditate (think) therein DAY AND NIGHT." God's Holy Spirit joins man's spirit upon repentance of sin. Repentance is the obedience of God's Word. Eden's death curse is erased by virtue of God's presence. My salvation is not dependent upon my actions, but is rather dependent upon the Promises and finished Work of God, Himself, Jesus, the "Word made flesh!" He paid the penalty of sin for all men once and for all upon Golgotha's bloody hill. "He is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins: and...for the sins of the whole world." Who do you talk to when thinking, muttering, or planning? Jesus said "I and the Father are one." He prayed to His Father, communing with Himself, much as you do when you think, meditate, or plan. "And God said, 'Let US make man in OUR image (three are one).'" Man is body, soul, and spirit. If God's Word, Jesus, is with you by faith, you have His Eternal Life. If He is not, you have eternal death! Man must reject sin, (repent) and obey God (faith) to live eternally. Faith is unseen, but God says, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Thoughts aren't known, but actions reveal them. Is faith in your heart and thoughts?

Faith is victory over death,
It will impart eternal breath,
Without it man will surely die,
For it brings paradise on high. ~CGP

Faith, do you have it? You need but truly believe and obey God's Word. Why go to hell when Eternal Life with God is freely imparted? Did the sun rise today? Then faith is secure! God has given both by His Word. His Word in our thoughts is the "Voice of God!" Have you ever heard Him speak? Did you hear AND obey?

"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." John 3:16 KJV