



# FAITH

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## Definition of faith:

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” Heb 11 v 1

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# 1. Understanding the world around us:

“<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible”

Heb 11:3

**‘We can see the Creator in what we observe daily and we can see Him in the science and mathematics we have discovered’**



$$P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

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## 2. Our relationship with God:

“<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek” Heb 11:6



### 3. Justification and daily life:

“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed - a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith” Rom 1:17



## Jesus talking about faith:

- **Luke 7:50** – <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace”
- **Luke 18:42** – <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you”
- **Luke 7: 9** - <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.”



## Jesus talking about faith:

Matthew 17:19-20

<sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

<sup>20</sup> He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”





## **Faith vs. Deeds:** James 2:14-25

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”



## Faith vs. Deeds: James 2:14-25 (cont.)

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

<sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.



## Faith vs. Deeds: James 2:14-25 (cont.)

<sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

<sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”



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