Link to the Future!

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In a word—*Faith* is our link to our future home in Heaven! But faith *in whom*; and faith *for what* are the questions to ask and answer. Our *faith* is connected to our *future* because it is only by faith will anyone enter the Kingdom of God.

Asking for, and being inspired by, the Holy Spirit to place a believing and trusting faith on the Atonement Blood of Christ is the paramount issue! Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Our *link* to the future is our *faith* in the Lord Jesus—only He can save your soul. Salvation is a gift of God through a believing faith in the Blood of Christ—a faith that really believes and trusts Him for every life issue.

Keeping this position of trust on God and maintaining our faith on the cleansing Blood of Christ is *our responsibility*—it is *our choice* and *our decision* when confronting any matter involving faith in some *thing* or some *One!*

Eternal life is our goal and focus, so an enduring faith in God to assure that destination is vital. Believing faith *in* Jesus is directly linked to receiving eternal life *with* God. Every soul will spend eternity in one of two places—either extreme happiness in Heaven; or extreme torture in Hell—both are a *choice*, and both are *endless*!

Believing in *what* the atoning Blood of Jesus *did*—is the most important issue we will ever face.

Heaven is *promised* when our trust is on the Blood of Christ. Believing in Jesus to *change* our heart is a right start, but our faith must grow and increase. Luke 3:9 "Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees, so that every tree which fails to yield good fruit will quickly be hewn down and thrown into the fire."

If spiritual fruit of trust on God is *not* seen, we could hear the words Luke 13:27, "I know you not"—because it is a sin not to trust God in faith.

The Christian life is an everyday struggle against "spiritual forces of evil" Ephesians 6:12. We fight an enemy who is determined to destroy our soul. We must believe that Jesus has the power to heal, deliver, and save—because Matthew 28:18 "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

The Atonement of Christ paid the price for every sin we ever committed, so we can *claim* what God has promised to give—the healing of our body without medication; the provision of daily needs without government money; the protection from harm without firearms; correcting injustices without lawyers; and the saving of our soul by an enduring faith in Jesus.

To accept the forgiveness of Jesus is to extend forgiveness to everyone. Matthew 6:15 "If you do not forgive others their offences, neither will your Father forgive yours." Colossians 3:13 "Just as the Lord has forgiven you, you also must forgive;" and Jesus said Luke 6:37 "Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."

God's Truth in the Bible is for anyone to *read*, *believe*, and *practice* by the power of His Spirit. The devil works continuously to draw people away from faith in God because he wants to destroy their soul. Matthew 13:19 "When anyone"

hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart."

Faith in Jesus comes from loving God in our heart. John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me." Heaven is the gift for anyone who believes in faith on what Jesus did on the cross. Faith is the Link to the future. Not many enter Heaven because not many trust on the Blood of Christ. Many will try but will not enter because they did not AV Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate."

Our love for God must be *real* and our faith in Christ must *endure*. 1 John 2:5 "Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected." Believing in and trusting on Jesus' Blood sacrifice for sin enables God to Jude 1:24 "Keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory."

Accepting *Jesus* into our heart means we are believing in His resurrection *power* to heal our body—without drugs; to supply daily needs—without stored cash; and to avenge our wrongs—without retaliation. John 14:23 "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

This new life of believing faith in Jesus takes place on *earth*—because it cannot happen in the *next* future home. Our *sin* nature must be removed *from* our heart, and the *divine* nature installed *in* its place before Jesus returns. Until we admit our *rebellious* attitude and allow God to give us a *believing* one, we are on a crash course to destruction.

Satan deceives millions to think that spiritual growth is not necessary, but God says it is necessary. John 15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away." So 2 Peter 3:17-18 "Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow

in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Many are religious-looking on the outside but spiritually-corrupt on the inside—with no faith and no trust on God for anything. Spiritual growth means spiritual lessons learned on how to trust God. Romans 12:2 "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind"—then God begins the spiritual work on our heart. There is a beginning faith and a continuing trust on the Atonement Blood of Jesus.

When we commit our heart and life to God, tests will be met. Every *insult* heard; every *offense* met; every *difficult* person or situation encountered, is a spiritual-growth opportunity that will work for our spiritual good if we allow God to use it to conform us to the image of His Son. Philippians 1:6 "He who has begun a good work within you will go on to perfect it in preparation for the day of Jesus Christ."

Jesus wants to see a willingness in our heart. Luke 13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"

Being willing is crucial—because then the Holy Spirit inspires faith. 1 Corinthians 2:14 "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him."

If we believe the words of a trusted *friend*—how much *more* should we believe the words of a faithful *God*! John 14:1 "Ye believe in *God*, believe also in me." Allowing God to replace our rebellious heart with a *submissive* heart is critical!

"The sinful [carnal] mind is hostile to [enmity against] God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so" Romans 8:7. The reply of the Hebrews is the reply of the believer. When they were offered an easy way out, they rejected it and chose the strait gate of faith in God.

These men faced the same *devil*, and they felt the same *fear*, but they *had* the choice to trust the same *God* unto victory through faith.

They said Daniel 3:16-18, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

"But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

Their decision to trust God in *faith* enabled Him to quench the *fire* in seconds. The protection was incredible, but God *created* fire, so He *controlled* it. Believing faith in *Jesus* because He paid for our sins on the *cross*, enables *us* to act in that same faith on His promise to deliver.

Abel offered a blood sacrifice and was accepted; and Abraham would sacrifice his son and be *righteous* because they both were inspired in faith to believe God. Anyone can have the same faith they had, because we can trust the same God they had.

It is by faith that a believer in Christ rejects the financial plans of the world—pensions, welfare checks, Social Security payments, stimulus checks, lottery winnings, or any other money stored *away* to be trusted on *later*. Instead, they trust God in faith for the needs of each day.

It is by faith that the believer in Christ rejects vaccines, drugs, pills, tablets, or prescriptions—and is willing to trust God in faith for the healing, health, and protection He promises.

It is by faith that a believer does not own a home or keep other financial investments but trusts God each day for the money to pay the rent and all expenses.

Faith in *Christ* means following His *teaching* on financial trust. Matthew 6:19 WEY "Do not lay up stores of wealth [treasures] for yourselves on

earth," because 6:21 "Where your wealth [or treasure] is, there also will your heart be."

Faith in *God* means *not* putting faith in *things*—like firearms, security systems, insurance policies, and other such plans of the world, but we *do* place ourselves and all that we have under the *Blood of Jesus* to protect us from harm, injury, or loss.

Believing faith trusts God for the ability to work—no matter what wages are paid, or how little co-workers do. We work for the *Lord*—not for the *boss* Ephesians 6:7. The process of becoming *like Christ* begins when we give our life *to God* without compromise.

The first thing is repentance *before* God and confession *to* God; then a willingness to forsake our past sins with the help of His Spirit—putting a believing *faith* in the Atonement *work* of the cross.

The task of perfecting our *faith* is the job of the Author of *life*—Hebrews 12:2. If we trust God for our health, healing, protection, and provisions on *earth*, then we can also trust Him for the *future* home in Heaven!

God's *gift* of His Spirit is given to those who are *willing* to believe; He then abides within to *remind* us and to *inspire* us to trust in faith on the Atonement Blood of Christ. God will perfect our faith—a *faith* that is directly linked to our *future*.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Believing trust on the faithfulness of God—is our <u>Link to the Future</u> home in Heaven!

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