

# Believing— Not yet Seeing!

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Believing the promises of God before seeing the results of His power, is a pure act of faith in Him. Faith is a factor only when we cannot *yet see* what we believe to *be true*—after being informed by reading or hearing words. Faith is faith when *nothing* is seen but *words* are accepted.

If an event is described to us by words, but we have *not seen* with our eyes, we have to believe what we are told—that is faith in words—or Believing—but Not yet Seeing. Acting in faith on the Word of God is the same situation—it is to *first* believe His Word as a true statement of facts, so we can *second* see the results.

Something that is absolutely true may be described to us, but whether we *accept* the facts or *do not accept* them, does not change anything—it *still* actually took place. Everything God says in His Word is a true statement of facts, and everyone has the privilege of *believing* those facts—to then *seeing* the spiritual results in their life.

If we can see, view, or touch anything, faith is not involved. If we *think* we have no *faith*, our acceptance of Bible *facts* will be hindered. If we must *see it* before we *believe it*, God's plan is reversed and Satan is pleased. The devil makes it easy for *feelings* to influence our *faith*. He wants us to *feel* that something is *not true*, so we will *not believe* it is true.

He also wants us to *feel* we are not forgiven, so we will *think* we are not *free* from wrong thoughts and desires. If he can have us *feel* we are

being a hypocrite, we will begin to accept it. Feeling something does not *make* it a fact, however, and feelings do not *change* facts. The devil has us focus on feelings, weaknesses, or inabilities—and he wants us to accept them.

On the other side, if we believe we *are* forgiven because the Word of God *says* we are forgiven, then our believing is based on facts. <sup>1 John 1:9</sup> “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” If we will believe the *facts*, our faith will hold on to the *Word*.

Everything the Bible says about *God* is true, and everything it says about *us* is true. His promises are statements of absolute truth—they are facts, so we must *believe* them, *accept* them, and *act* in faith on them—*before* we see them <sup>2 Corinthians 1:20</sup> “*All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*”

If a letter is received from a friend—who describes an event that took place—we accept their words with no question. The only evidence we have that it is true, is the description by the friend in words; and all we have today that the Bible is true, are the written promises in Scripture in words—words that say we are delivered when we pray in the name of Jesus, and then act in faith on the Word. <sup>John 14:13</sup> “*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*”

Many Bible verses give the *facts* on receiving the *promises* by faith. <sup>Mark 11:24</sup> “*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*”

<sup>1 John 5:14</sup> “*And this is the confidence that we have in [God], that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he*

*hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*”

These are the facts that our prayers are answered, and the victory is won. When we accept the facts that God has written, the results are guaranteed. God's plan for our deliverance is to *believe* His Word by *faith*. Our believing does not *perform* the healing, *nor* does it *grant* the deliverance—because the *performing* and *granting* has been paid for by the Blood of Christ at Calvary.

Our sins were *forgiven* at the cross; our hearts *cleansed* by His Blood; His righteousness *given* to believers; and *good health* is granted. Calvary enabled our financial prosperity and wins our battles with the devil. <sup>1 John 3:8</sup> “*The Son of God appeared for the purpose of undoing the work of the Devil.*” <sup>1 John 3:8</sup> “*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*”

It is not a case of believing something that is *new* but believing something that *has been true* from the beginning. It is believing the *facts* of what Jesus has already *done*. We say that the answer is received—on the authority and validity of God's Word alone. We are *forgiven*, *cleansed*, and *delivered*—when we have *repented*, *confessed*, and *for-saken* our sins. <sup>1 Corinthians 1:18</sup> “*For the Message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are on the way to perdition, but it is the power of God to those whom He is saving.*”

Satan wants to put doubt in our *heart* by suggesting things to our *mind*, but we are to reject his *lies* and accept God's *truth*. We are *kept* by the power of God through our *faith* on the authority of His Word <sup>1 Peter 1:5</sup>.

<sup>Romans 5:1-2</sup> “*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*”

Our responsibility is to ask God *in faith* to forgive our sins *by faith*. When we *give* our life to God, He promises to *change* our heart—then we have confidence to ask Him for what we need and being assured of receiving it. Romans 12:1 “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*”

When we surrender *our* will and accept *God’s* will without compromising—God *accepts* us and takes *possession* of our heart. We are to *believe* these facts. The sacrifice of Christ is a *fact* and when we *accept* it, we will begin to see the *results* of what the Blood accomplished.

Hebrews 10:10 “*We have been set free from sin, through the offering of Jesus Christ as our sacrifice;*” SO John 16:23 “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.*”

We *accept* God’s Word, and we *believe* His promises, just as we accept and believe the words of a reliable and trustworthy newscast. The Bible is a statement of facts *before* they are observed or experienced. When we accept the *Word of God*, then the *blessings of God* can be received. We are to consider ourselves delivered and healed because we believe Psalm 107:20 “*He sent his word and healed them.*”

God is merciful and ready to give the victory 1 Peter 1:3 “*By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*” It is through the *Word of God*, that we are informed of the *promises* of God. We are 1 Peter 1:5 “*Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*” Romans 10:17 “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

We keep these facts before us—that our sins are forgiven, and that God accepts us as His child because we have *confessed* and *forsaken* our sins.

We must believe His statement of facts that this is true.

We sacrifice our *self-will* to *His-will* every morning, so we can have His *divine-will* give us the promised victory we need. When we ask in the Name of Jesus, the Father promises to grant the victory John 16:23. A willingness to believe deals a lethal blow to self’s control.

Our *battle* with the devil is about our *faith* in the Word of God. Satan always wants to *cause doubt*, but God wants to *inspire faith*. The promise of the U.S. government that a paper dollar is worth a dollar is a statement that everyone accepts. People prefer paper money because it is more convenient and weighs less.

The only thing that gives a paper bill its *value* or *validity* is the fact that the government is able to back up its promise. People want the *promise* rather than the *gold*.

It is the same principle when accepting the *Word of God* as a statement of *facts*. The centurion replied to Jesus Matthew 8:8 “*Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*” He *knew* that God would back up His Word, and that Jesus would heal his servant.

Everything hinges on whether God is able to make good on His Word. If He is, then we should *believe* the facts, *accept* His Word, *act* in faith, and *expect* results. We should not *play sick* but *act well* on God’s promise 2 Corinthians 1:20.

Bible examples show how the Word is *believed*, *accepted*, and *lived* in real time. Jehoshaphat accepted the *promise* of God as true facts as we accept the *promise* of the government on paper bills. He prayed 2 Chronicles 20:12 “*We have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.*”

The answer was received right away 2 Chronicles 20:14-15 “*The Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel*

*the son of Zechariah,*” who explained to everyone, “*Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.’*”

When we are willing to believe God’s *Word*, the power of God’s *Spirit* inspires *faith* in us to accept the *facts* of the promise. The first thing God said was, “*Do not be afraid,*” because when fear is *rejected*, God’s Word can be *accepted*. They only had to decide in their heart that the answer to prayer was already given.

2 Chronicles 20:17 “*You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.*”

They had to *believe* the facts of God’s Word *in faith* for the deliverance He promised *by faith*. When they 2 Chronicles 20:22 “*Began to sing and to praise [act in faith], the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.*”

Believing the *facts* though not yet seeing *results*, enabled them to receive the victory. 2 Chronicles 20:25 “*There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it*”—all because they *believed* before they saw!



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