

NOW WORD Covenant Church
THE FAITH MANUAL
Chapter 2 – Saving Faith in Christ
Sunday – 26 May 2019

Introduction: We are in a series entitled, “**The Faith Manual.**” Our objective in this series is to develop your faith in God and your faith walk on earth. Last week, we covered **Chapter 1 – Faith in God**; this week, we will cover **Chapter 2 - Saving Faith in Christ.**

Introduction: Chapter 1 – Faith in God – 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

1. Faith in God is required for relationship with Him.
(Hebrews 11:6)

“Faith in God **pleases** Him (satisfies and delights) and acknowledges two things: God **exists** and He makes **faith payments** to those who **persistently** seek Him by faith.”

“Faith in God will cost you before it pays you!”

2. Faith in God is putting your complete trust in Him.
(2 Corinthians 5:7)

“All of my beliefs, reality, confessions, assurance, reliance, patience, and expectations are placed in God.”

“God is **developing** our **faith** in Him, *not* our **senses.**”

3. Faith in God increases by **hearing** His Word (Romans 10:17)

“Faith in God confesses God’s words, which do not exist as though they did.”

“God’s Word becomes your beliefs, reality, confessions, assurance, reliance, patience, and expectations, even though His Word may be contrary to your circumstances.”

Today’s Message: Chapter 2 - Saving Faith in Christ

1. You’re saved by grace through faith

Ephesians 2:8-9. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJV)

- Grace saved you
- Faith received the grace
- God gifted you with both the grace and faith

“**Saving faith** in Christ is putting your complete trust in the gospel of Christ.”

2. You hear the gospel, you repent, and you believe

Mark 1:14-15. Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent**, and **believe** in the **gospel**.” (NKJV)

- a) _____ – you hear the word
- b) _____ – remorseful (conviction-change)
- c) _____ – from the heart (convinced-converted)

3. You put your faith in proper alignment

Romans 10:8-9. But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (NKJV)

- a) **B**elieve from your _____ (inspired)
- b) **R**epent in your _____ (informed)
- c) **I**nvolvement with your _____ (interested)

Takeaway: Saving Faith in Christ

1. You're saved by grace through faith
2. You hear the gospel, you repent, and you believe
3. You put your faith in proper alignment (heart-head-hands)

Next Week: Chapter 3 - Living by Faith - Philippians 3:12-14