

NOW WORD Covenant Church
THE FAITH MANUAL
Chapter 2 – Faith in Christ
Sunday – 2 June 2019

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

Review: Chapter 1 – Faith in God

2 Corinthians 5:7. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we **walk by faith, not by sight**.

1. Faith in God is **required** for relationship with Him.
2. Faith in God is putting your **complete trust** in Him

Trust: assurance, patience, confession, reliance and expectations

3. Faith in God **increases** by **hearing** God’s Word.

Hearing: attentive-introspective-subjective

Faith in God:

- Pleases God (satisfies-gratifies-delights)
- Matures you in God (moved by unseen reality)
- Receives faith payments from God

Today’s Message: Chapter 2 - Faith in Christ

Acts 4:12. There is **salvation** in no one else! God has given **no other name** under heaven by which we **must be saved.**” (NLT)

“Faith in Christ is putting your **complete trust** in the **salvation** that is in Jesus Christ.”

1. Faith in Christ _____ us

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** is the source (favor-benefit-power)
- **Salvation** is the gift (finished work of Christ)
- **Faith** is the means (method we obtain)

2. Faith in Christ _____ us

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)

- **Preach** – gospel: God’s word spoken and written
- **Repent** – remorse-change-direction
- **Believe** – transform: conviction-convinced-conform

Exodus 24:7. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Again they all responded, “We will do everything the Lord has commanded. We will obey.” (NLT)

- **Hear** – “read it aloud” (attention-reflective-receive)
- **Believe** – “we will do” (repent-trust-transform)
- **Obey** – “we will obey” (conform-act out what is in the mind)

3. Faith in Christ _____ us

James 2:26. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. (NLT)

Ecclesiastes 9:10. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. (NIV)

- a) **Believe** from your _____ (inspired)
- b) **Repent** in your _____ (informed)
- c) **Involved** with your _____ (interested)

Takeaway: Chapter – Faith in Christ

- 1. Faith in Christ _____ us
- 2. Faith in Christ _____ us
- 3. Faith in Christ _____ us

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