

The Spiritual Christian's Potential Harmonious-Glorious Life Style
Part Three

Directing Faith When In Trials or Temptations

Introduction: The Christian is never without some aspect of divine enabling from the Triune God, 1 John 3:9; Heb. 135; John 14:16.

I. **Faith Is Faith**

A. *Faith:* Is defined in Hebrews 11:1, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, thus the supernatural mental ability to believe and act upon the promises from the Triune God given to the Christian.

1. The Companions of Faith: Promise and Hope – Rom. 4:19-21; 14:22, 23, 15:4, 23
2. Believe (verb) and Faith (noun) – Rom. 14:22, 23, 15:4, 13
3. Various Aspects of Faith in the Scriptures:
 - a. Faith to believe the Gospel for Initial Salvation – Rom. 1:16, 17
 - b. Christian life of Faith – Rom. 1:16, 17
 - c. Spiritual Gift of Faith – 1 Cor. 13:2
 - d. The Faith (a body of Christian grace doctrine) – 1 Peter 5:8,9
 - e. Approved Faith – 1 Peter 1:7
 - f. Portion of Faith – Rom. 12:6

B. The Value of one's Faith:

1. The Unserved – Prov. 14:15; James 2:19; John 5:39
2. The Served – Romans 1:16, 17
3. Righteous and Unrighteous Faith – James 2:14-19; 1 Cor. 2:5, 15:4

C. Faith being the "Fruit from the Spirit"

1. Not a natural human ability – Gal. 5:22-23
2. Christians have better promises – Heb. 10:34-38; 1 Pet. 1:3-4
(**Note:** not the best, but the better!...Christ has the Best Things!!!)
3. Christians have better hope – Heb. 10:19-23
4. Christians have a better faith! – Heb. 11:40

II. Directing Faith In Trials

- A. The Christian must be spiritual – Eph. 5:18-20; Gal. 5:22, 23
- B. Reckoning accompanies faith:
 - 1. Reckon – Heb. 11:19
 - 2. Believe and Utilize – Heb. 11:17, 18
- C. When under trials – Heb. 10:32-37

III. Directing Faith In Temptation

- A. The Christian must be spiritual – Eph. 5:18-20; Gal. 5:22, 23
- B. Ask for wisdom – James 1:5, 6
- C. Reckon, Believe, then utilize the way of escape – 1 Cor. 10:13
 - 1. The Flesh – Rom. 6 – 8
 - 2. The Devil – Eph. 6:10-17; 1 Peter 5:8, 9
 - 3. The World System – 1 John 2:17; 1 Cor. 7:28-31; Gal. 6:14

Conclusion: The Christian is never without some aspect of divine enabling from the Triune God, 1 John 3:9; Heb. 135; John 14:16. However the Christian must respond to that enabling by utilizing it in righteousness. Christians are co-workers ***with*** God!

Thus, ***righteously directing faith*** in trials and temptations will focus the spiritual Christian's mind towards the Triune God's promises for the Christian, and utilizing God's gracious provisions in His previously ordained godly good works, 1 Pet. 1:3-9.