



GOD KIND OF FAITH - STRONG FAITH

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Romans 4:17-22

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed **be**.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Romans 4:17-22

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

1. Strong faith requires strong belief.

- Him that believed who makes alive the dead.
- We must believe that our belief in God makes us alive.
- We were dead in trespasses and sins.

Ephesians 2:1-8

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Ephesians 2:1-8

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2. Strong faith requires calling those things that be not as though they are already.

- As humans we have to overcome the time barrier when it comes to faith. Like God, faith can not be restricted or limited to time because faith itself is a spiritual force.
- In the spirit realm everything is now, there is no time and no restraints as we know them.
- We are more concerned about when we are going to realize what our faith produces than the opportunity to exercise and practice our faith.

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- People don't generally understand that faith must be practiced in order to develop, just like a musician has to practice on his instrument in order to become a professional.
 - Everything we deal with in life gives us an opportunity to exercise our faith whether it be difficulties, sickness, challenges, or desire, dreams, and vision for our lives.
 - We choose what we will accept and what we will reject. While you may not feel you choose the things you deal with in life, you always choose what to do about those things.

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- If you are going to act in faith, first you must believe, and then you must put a voice to what you believe and bring it into the present tense rather than one day or time in the future.

Romans 8:29-34

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:29-34

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

1. He foreknew me and this I believe.
2. His will is for me to be conformed to his image and this I believe.
3. He called me Justified and this I believe.
4. He glorified me and this I believe.
5. He is for me and this I believe.
6. No one can hinder me, this I believe.
7. He gave his son so that I can freely have all things, this I believe.
8. No one can condemn me, this I believe because he is my intercessor.

1 Corinthians 1:28-29

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

- God chooses so that no flesh can take the credit.

Hebrews 4:1-3

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

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- Strong faith says,
 - “It is finished.”
 - “It’s already done.”
 - “I have all that I need and lack nothing.”
 - “I chose to rest in the finished work of Christ.”
 - “He did it all, he took care of it all, there is nothing else for me to do but believe and walk by faith.”