

FAITH THAT TURNS INTO FACT!

(Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:11,12)

Introduction:

We are ready to wrap up First John book. I hope you got something out of it. I really enjoyed meditating on this book all these days! Once I finish second John and third John, I will be done with the entire New Testament! I thank God for giving me the energy, and strength to go through line upon line, precept upon precept to expound God's Word! By preaching this way, God brings every topic that is relevant to our spiritual life. Only negative thing about this method is that we cannot skip when some controversial topic comes. We are forced to deal with it. We may be tempted to skip such topics, but it prepares us better, and we will be able to answer appropriately, if anyone brings that topic to us again. So, every part of the Bible is there for our instruction, reproof and edification, and we must pay attention to it and learn from each passage. Today, let us look into the Spirit that turns our faith walk into a factual walk in Christ.

There are three stages in our Christian walk: first, we see the light of Jesus by the grace of God, then we repent and come to Jesus by faith and give ourselves, third, we receive the Holy Spirit, and are being led by Him every day of our life. Our faith walk turns into real interaction through Spirit. The Spirit of Christ becomes the major witness of Jesus Christ in our lives.

1 John 5:9.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son.

The witness testimony of people cannot be from one person. There must be at least 2 or three witnesses. The person who is charged cannot testify for himself.

John 5:31

*If I give **testimony** concerning myself, my testimony cannot be accepted.*

But Jesus did not have to testify about Himself!

Jesus had many witnesses on earth:

John, the Baptist,

the disciples,

Scripture testified from Genesis to Revelation,

His miracle works testified,

His baptism of waters,

His shed blood on the cross, His resurrection, and ascension.

But the testimonies of God was much greater:

the Holy Spirit descending on Him, and the testimony of God that was spoken from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, in whom, I am well pleased! Hear Him!"

We hear this voice through the Scripture even today! We need to listen to the voice of our Heavenly Father, and hear His Son's Word, and obey! The Son is speaking to us today through the Scripture, and through His Holy Spirit. We must obey His voice daily.

This is the greatest testimony of all! God, the Father loves His Son, and wants us to listen to His Son. God again testified resoundingly that Christ is His Son, by raising Him from the dead!

The Father's testimony is not only in Word, but that witness came to us and stayed with us in our heart in the form of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:10

10The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.

This is a loaded verse. Let me break it down bit by bit. Note the first phrase in this verse, the one who believes in the Son of God. There is a difference between believing a man and believing in him! If we believe a man, we may accept whatever statement he may be making at that moment as true. But if we believe in a man, we accept the whole man, and all he stands for with complete trust. To believe in Jesus Christ is not simply to accept what He says as true, it is to commit ourselves into His hands, for eternity!

When a man believes in that manner, the Holy Spirit within him testifies that he is precisely acting the way God wants him to. It is the Holy Spirit who gives him the conviction about Jesus Christ and assures him that he has the eternal life through Him! The man who refuses to do that, is refusing the promptings of the Holy Spirit within his heart. When a man does not believe the testimonies of the people, the Scripture, the Holy Spirit, he is basically calling God a liar.

The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony within himself, which is the Holy Spirit! Please see here carefully! The one who believes by faith that Jesus is the Son of God and receives Him in His heart by faith as His personal Savior, does receive the Holy Spirit which is his testimony. The Holy Spirit is received in our heart by faith in Christ, and not by works, or by our excessive fasting.

Holy Spirit is given to us as a testimony or witness:
like the ark of the covenant that stands as a testimony in the holy of holies tabernacle chamber, reminding us of the testimony of the Word of God,
It testified God's miracle power such as Manna
It testified about Aaron's stick that budded,
In the same manner. the Holy Spirit also moves within our heart to testify about Christ, the Word of God, and His resurrecting power.

The Holy Spirit, alive within us, turns our faith and hope into a fact! This is the mystery lot of people do not understand! When we come to the incarnated Christ for our salvation, we come by faith alone. After we accept Christ as our Savior, we receive the Holy Spirit. The Spirit moving within us and bearing fruits of the Spirit, and bringing out the gifts of the Spirit are real, and factual. Now it is no more a faith walk, but a factual walk. God has decided to come into our body and dwell within us to have fellowship with us. It is not a faith walk anymore. This is a factual, real walk with the Lord!

'The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God. (ROM. 8:16)

God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father '(Gal. 4:6)

The Spirit of God is real now dwelling within us. We may always have to approach God the Father, and the incarnated Son by faith only, but we approach the Spirit of Christ as real partner in our spiritual journey. We may not see Him, touch Him, but we may feel his effect. The wind may blow where it wants, we hear the sound, but we do not know where it comes from, and where it goes! We will experience the Spirit of Christ the same way in real time. Our faith in Son of God turns into real fellowshiping with Him every moment of our life. Our walk with God is not faith walk anymore, but it becomes actual walk as Enoch walked with God.

1 John 5:11,12.

11And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
12He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

Yes, God has given us the eternal life through His Son, and this eternal life is in His Son. According to a scholar, William Barclays, no one has eternal life other than God! Eternal life is, therefore, nothing other than the life of God Himself! What we are promised as eternal life is His life itself, and we share His life through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is our eternal life ventilator! We cannot breathe this eternal life without Him even for one second!

He who has the Son has the life; not just our ordinary life, but abundant, joyful eternal life we have it already because we have the Spirit of His Son in our heart!

A believer is already in possession of this eternal life; it is not a thing of the future!

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 6:47. ...he who believes has eternal life

He that does not have the Son of God does not have the eternal life either! So the Spirit of Christ is the Spirit that has the eternal life because the Scripture clearly says that if we do not have the Spirit of Christ, we are not His!

Eternal life is not granted to the whole world, or even to the so-called Church goers; it is given to individuals, soul by soul, based upon their choice of rejecting or accepting the Son of God.

Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory has been surrounded with earthly as well as heavenly witnesses. Rejecting Christ is nothing but rejecting eternal life and receiving eternal death sentence. Not only that, we make God a liar

If we have the Spirit of Christ, we have the eternal life. If we do not have the Spirit of Christ, we do not have the eternal life. It is that simple. Those who reject the Lord of glory embrace the eternal death of separation from God.

Eternal life is the life of God, and we can find that life only through the Spirit of Christ!

These Spiritual truths becomes a fact for believers who are born of the Holy Spirit, but the skeptics wrestle with these things.

Every step of the way, God proves that His way is the truth, and life!

One lady was writing notes on her Bible as the Bible study was going on. Sometimes she marked it with only alphabets. T&P. The person who was sitting next to her asked her what T&P stands for. She said, "That means 'Tried and proved,' sir." Yes, we have tried and proved the Word of God, and we are sure of its truth.

Do not be skeptical. Repent and receive Jesus Christ by faith. You will receive the Holy Spirit, and He will set you free from sin and bondage and guarantee you eternal life.

Many of us can testify today that our walk is indeed tried and proved! It all starts with faith in Christ, but it ends as a solid fact. Thanks to the work of the Spirit of Christ within us!

Conclusion:

The Spirit has led us to believe in Jesus, and has given us repentance.
the Spirit has renewed us,
the Spirit has made us different from who we were.

Then the waters of baptism we take bears witness within us about our covenant with God, and our new resurrected life in Christ.

The precious shed blood of Christ within our souls bears further witness that our sins were washed away for good!

He that has Son has the eternal life! If any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

The spirit of Christ within us is our ventilator of our eternal life. Our eternal life has begun already! We are ageless!

Our faith turns into fact through the Holy Spirit! He is the evidence of things not seen. The wind lists where it wants. You hear the sound, but you may not know where it comes from, and where it goes!

The Spirit Himself also bears witness with our spirit that we are born of God."

Galatians.4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying ABBA, Father.

Are you connecting with the Holy Spirit? He is real in you! Let Him turn your faith walk into a factual walk with God now.

Let us not quench our Lord Jesus. Let us not push Him into a corner and lock Him up. Allow Him to sit on the control seat of your life and allow Him to drive your life in real time. Then you will see the difference. Just sit back and enjoy His fellowship. We do not have to wait to see Jesus in Heaven. We can see Him in Spirit in this Spirit of His Son. Let Jesus reign us through His Spirit!

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