

Foundation to Fullness: Part 2

Dissecting Faith

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Last week was humility; the first step towards towards the Lord is in humility seeing God for who he is and seeing ourselves for who we really are.

In humility, we arrive at faith in Jesus. But what is faith? Faith is one of the most diverse words in the New Testament.

Through faith, in faith, by faith, in the faith, for the faith, saw their faith...what is faith?

Let's define terms...in the three synoptic gospels faith is present in one form...in John it is totally different.

1. New Testament uses for Faith...

2. Synoptic Gospels...pistis: Faithfulness, steadfastness...typically results in healing, miracles, etc.

3. Gospel of John...pisteuo [same root, different connotation]: Adhere to, trust, rely on...typically in response to preaching, miracles, etc.

4. Faith Defined: The active confidence in the power and character of Christ.

5. Faith Dissected: Matthew 9:18-30; three miracles which visit what it meant to have faith in Christ that produced real-life change.

***the Roman phalanx: carefully linked, shielding one's self, shielding others, moving forward. Our active, personal confidence in who the living Christ is will guard and guide and we move forward.

6: What we have so far: In order to be a Servant Body who Celebrates the God of the Scriptures (pillars), we must humbly follow Jesus with authentic faith.