

What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

What is faith? **Faith is something that's revealed to you;** that is not yet, but you believe it will be. **Faith is a revelation of the will of God.** So, by revelation! (*Heb. 11:1*).

And the churches today don't even believe in spiritual revelation. They believe in a dogmatic teaching of some system. "By revelation Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, which God testified he was righteous." (*Heb. 11:4*). Amen. I hope you see that. See where we're living? See the hour?

I was talking to a gentleman not long ago, a Christian scholar and gentleman. He said, "Mr. Branham, we refuse all revelations."

I said, "Then you have to refuse **Jesus Christ**, for He is the revelation of God, **God revealed in human flesh.**" (*1 Tim. 3:16; John 1:1-2,14*). **Unless you see it, you're lost.**

Jesus said, "Except you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." **He is the revelation of God, the Spirit of God revealed in human form.** If you can't believe that, you're lost. **You put Him a third person, second person, or any other person besides God, you're lost.** "Except you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." A revelation! [1]

And the revelation is the only thing, the revelation of the Word. **What is a revelation?** Jesus said, "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." (*Matt. 16:13-20*). **Faith is a revelation; because Faith has been revealed to you.** Abel by faith, offered by revelation (faith) to God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain.

Cain thought they eat apples. They still got that idea, but it wasn't. It was an adultery, serpent's seed. And there when the Seven Seals opened, it declared it and proved it. Notice. That's Scripturally, **from Genesis to Revelations.** [2]

But Abel, he came not with works, but by faith, the Bible said. He offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, God testifying that he was righteous, **because he seen the program of God, which was revealed to him...** The Bible wasn't written then. So if Cain, his brother who set under the same teaching of father and mother, come down and brought fruit to make the offering...

But Abel, by revelation he saw that it wasn't fruits that brought us out of the garden of Eden, as some people still think it was. But it wasn't fruits. **It was the blood of his mother who made him mortal, or his father. So he came and offered the blood of a lamb by Divine revelation** (*Gen. 4:1-7*). No one to tell him anything about it, but he, by faith he seen the Son of God coming, and offered

a lamb in a figurative type, **seeing that Jesus was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world** (*Rev. 13:8*). And God testified, "That's the truth." God will always testify the truth. Now Cain, when he seen his brother, 'course, he slew his brother, **was jealous.** [3]

Get away from all your own theologies and senses. Just let the Holy Spirit... You were given five senses. **But them five senses, your intellectuals, were never given to you to lead you** (*Rom. 8:14; II Cor. 4:13*). **The sixth sense, which is faith, was given to you to lead you.** That's the sixth sense; **that is the super sense. It leads you.** [4]

Now, look. **What is faith? Faith is a sixth sense.** Five senses control this man. God put man in **five senses to contact his earthly home.** You don't contact God with your five senses. **You know God by faith which is the sixth sense. There's two senses of the soul: faith and unbelief.** And if you're possessed with faith, **faith is just as much reality to you as sight is.**

If you believe that shirt's white, if you got sight and have faith in your sight, and you say, that shirt's white... If you believe Jesus Christ healed you at Calvary, and your faith will declare to you as much as what your sight does to this, **you're healed right now.** It's over. See? **Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things you do not see, taste, feel, smell, nor hear.** You believe it. Say, "Well, I don't feel any different." You're not supposed to feel any different. You're supposed to believe. [5]

It's not just an emotional; it's not something mystic; it's a fact, a truth. Sight will fail. Everything else will fail but faith. **Faith can't fail, because it goes into the supernatural realms and it can't fail.** [6]

Now, **faith is "a revelation from God."** Now, faith is a revelation. There's where I want to stay, there, just a moment. **It's a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into faith. You never have faith; it's given to you by the grace of God** (*Eph. 2:8-9*). And God reveals it to you, therefore faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.

In an audience of people, where a prayer line comes through, you'll find some... and they were all good people, we'll say. **There's some that's trying hard to believe It, trying to work themselves into It. Some just can't do it at all. And others, it's just by grace, it's just given to them.** Now, there is the difference. See? That does it. **That's the real revelation,** because faith is a revelation from God. It must be revealed first. [7]

But, **to the Church, the Bride, the Rapture is a revelation to Her. It's revealed to Her. The true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the Rapture.**

Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. **Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation.** Faith is something that has been revealed to you, like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what

had been revealed to him, as though it wasn't so (*Rom. 4:16-22*). **Now, faith, that's what faith is, is the revelation of God.** The Church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire Body. [8]

Here a question to the Prophet of God:

I want to receive the Holy Ghost. I want to know what to do. I am burdened for my family to be saved.

If you want to receive the Holy Ghost, let me tell you something: The Bible said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness sake..." (*Matt. 5:6*). **You're so blessed to even want It.** See? Now, remember, not that you've got It, but blessed are they that hunger and thirst for It, **"for they shall be filled."** Just stay right with it.

"What must I do for my family?" **Use the same faith that you're using for yourself, for your family. Commit them to the Lord and believe with all your heart that (they're) going to be saved.** Don't let it just come on your natural thinking here, **let it drop way down on the inside, that subconscious, then they're yours. God's give them to you when you've got it down here.**

Whatever you have in your heart here and ask for it, when you pray, believe that you receive what you ask for (*Matt. 7:7-11*). Now, you can't doubt it no more. You can't believe it and doubt it the same time. You've got to believe that what you ask for, you receive it, then He said it would be given to you. **So you just believe for your family, and they'll get it.** [9]

If you've got enough faith for your own salvation, **can't you have that same faith that'll work upon your people? What is faith? It's an unseen force.** See, **it's a Spirit** (*II Cor. 4:13*). **The Holy Spirit brings faith.** See? It's an unseen force. [10]

That's what power is in the Church now (*II Cor. 4:7; Eph. 1:18-23*), but it is controlled by a law. And that law is not keeping a bunch of commandments. **It's a law of faith.** Jesus said, **"All things are possible to them that believe."** (*Mark 11:23-24*). **And if you can believe it, whatever God will lead your soul to believe, that is yours.** Every place the soles of your foot can set upon **by faith, God gives it to you** (*Joshua 1:3*). Amen. It's yours; you possess it, **if you can find the key to this law of faith that opens it to you.** You see what I mean? That power is controlled by... If you are a son of God, you are a daughter of God, **that never leaves you. It's with you all the time. But your faith gets away from It, but It's still there.** Hallelujah! [11]

And now, Jesus is the Door to all these things (*I Cor. 1:4-9*), **and faith is the key that unlocks the Door.** Now, if Jesus is the **Door to all these promises of God, faith in His finished work unlocks every door to every treasure there is inside the Kingdom of God.** See it? **Faith is the key that unlocks every promise He makes.** The key of faith does that, faith in His finished work. It's these keys that we're speaking on. [12]

Anyone has got to have something that they're sure of. **And that's when you can base your faith, is when you're sure.** But until you're sure, if there is a question, leave it alone until you're sure. [13]

Think. **We have an Anchor (Amen.) that's in the veil.** We can't see it sometimes, but we know it's there. Like the little boy was flying the kite. They said, "Where is it?" Said, "I can't see it."

Said, "I know it's still there, 'cause I can feel it." So that's right. We may not be able to see it; times get dark. The clouds may hide His blessed face for a spell. But remember, the clouds may hide His face, **but it doesn't hide Him.** It can hide the sun from you, but it's still shining beyond the clouds. **And faith sees the sun beyond the cloud.**

The greatest experiences of my life, is when I come up against a mountain that I can't get over it, under it, or around it. And just stand still, and God will move the thing back. **No matter how dark the cloud is, faith pierces it yonder with an eye that looks beyond anything that the devil can set before you.** 'Cause God is our victory. Amen.

Even death itself has no terrors. No wonder the believer can stand and say, "O death, where is thy sting? And grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (*I Cor. 15:51-58*). That's the faith that maketh not ashamed. **That's the faith that overcomes.** [3]

What is faith? **Many people substitute hope for faith.** But it's just as much difference as it is day and night. For the Bible in Hebrews 11:1 said, "For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." See, it's not just a mythical hope; **it's absolutely a substance.** Oh, I hope you see this. And then you'll see things happen.

See, **many people can have hope in their mental thinking. And sorry to say, that's the position of many Christians profess today is mental thinking.** They have a conception. But never have yet experienced what Jesus said, when He said, "Except a man be borned again, he will not see the Kingdom," or the word translated right is **understand the Kingdom of God** (*John 3:3*).

You look at anything, say, "I just don't see it." You don't mean you don't see it with your eyes; you don't see it with your heart; you don't understand it.

Now, there are two elements, that make up the human being. **And one of them is your mind, and the other is your soul. And the mind is your mental thinking, your intellectual. And your soul is a part of God that's in you.**

When you are borned in this world as a child, you grow into a living soul and at the age of choice, you hear the Gospel in some way, **and something way down inside you tells you to receive Christ.** You'll say, "Well, I'm too young now. I'll wait a little longer." Now, there's where you make your first mistake right there, **for you grieved this person inside.** God's not going to judge you by this man up here, your intellect. **He's going to judge you by your soul.**

Many people have faith by their intellects; others have faith by their soul. Now, the intellect up here, will reason with the Word of God, "It's not

reasonable." **But the soul doesn't reason at all, it says, "It's the truth."** And that settles it. **See, the soul believes it.** The intellect will say, "I wonder, it might've been for a day gone by. That might've been for the disciples, or that might've been something... Not for us now because we're living in a different day."

But the soul says, "Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." (*Heb. 13:8*). **No reasoning, doesn't reason at all. It believes.**

Now, the big percent of us, friends, will go to reasoning instead of the soul, **and that's the reason we fail to receive wonderful blessings from God.** Now, this is just not a mythical something. It's not some kind of a magic wand. It's the truth of a living God. [14]

Now, **faith is a conqueror; faith is an overcomer** (*I John 5:4*). It just isn't a peace maker, **it overcomes. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.** What does it do? What is faith? What is the conqueror? Conquer and victory is the same. To conquer, it means to beat down, to override, to handcuff, to throw into prisons. **It means that the sin, that once ruled you, you rule it now** (*Rom. 5:17-21*). **It means that you have overcome it,** you've whipped it. You're greater than it is. Oh, I feel religious, right now.

Which was first, a sinner or a Saviour? **A Saviour, for a Saviour is more powerful than a sin.** Which was first, the Healer or a sickness? It couldn't be a Healer, 'less it was over the sickness. **It is a Healer;** it could conquer the sickness. **And faith is the victory that overcomes every curse of the devil. Faith is the victory.** [15]

What is faith? **Faith is truth. Faith is something that you know positive of.** Faith is nothing you guess at. **Faith is what you know, something that comes down into your soul.** [16]

You may have a lot of hindrances. Maybe your doctor says it can't happen. But if you've got faith, it doesn't make any difference what anybody else says; **your faith doesn't have no hindrance. Your faith sees it.** [17]

Now, there's three elements that people live in. **First is the humanistic. Second is Divine revelation. And third is vision.**

Now, this, like in prayer, when you pray for anyone in humanistic, we say, "Well, I hope you'll get well. See, I'm hoping. I'm believing with you, trying to use all the faith I can." **That's human.**

Second, is Divine revelation, when something's revealed to you. You just know in your heart it's going to happen, yet there's nothing but just the revelation.

And third is a vision. 'Course that's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's perfect and positive. [18]

Your intellectual faith might believe it fine, **but unless the faith of God is down in your heart...** (*Gal. 2:19-20*). **See, your intellectual faith can accept, to**

do that. And just keep believing it with all your heart until God does reveal it to you. See? Just keep believing it until God does reveal it. [7]

Listen. I'm going to say something. Look. **Faith is unconscious.** Amen. You believe it? I've learned that in the years of travel around the world and meeting the peoples of all different walks. **But faith is unconscious. You got faith and don't even know it.** That's right.

Jesus Christ, no matter if He was in a storm and the gale's knocking the boat from one side to the other, or He was standing in the face of mess of demons; if He was hanging anywhere, it never moved Him. **He walked right along just as calm and quiet as He could be.** Why? He was simply unconscious of fear, anything around Him. That's right. Whether it was going to happen, or whether it wasn't going to happen; He knewed it was going to happen because God said so. He didn't say, "Oh, wonder if I prayed through? Wonder if I fasted long enough? Wonder if I did this?" **He just walked right on unconscious.** That's right. **He believed what God said was truth. The Words must be fulfilled, and He knewed what His life was to fulfill them.** That's right.

And you're here to fulfill It too. Just walk unconscious of fear. **Walk unconscious of criticism. Walk unconscious of the world. Walk as you walk in Christ** (*Gal. 5:16-25*). **Walk with Him,** not paying any attention to right or left hand, just keep moving on. If something comes up in the church, **walk with God.** Hallelujah! **If sickness strikes you, walk with God.** If the neighbor doesn't like you, walk with God. **Just keep on walking with God!**

Enoch, one day walked like that. You know what he done? He walked all the way home with God; got so far up the road, he didn't want to come back any more. Amen (*Gen. 5:22; Heb. 11:5*). [19]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]