

Faith In God – September 01, 2008

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Even though it has been a while since the last newsletter, the fellowship and myself have really appreciated your prayers and words of encouragement. The elders decided it would be profitable to put together a statement of faith entitled, "The Truth That We Believe," in order that those of you who would like to gain a better understanding of what we believe to be truth from the Bible may be able to do so. You may view it and/or download it on the following page: http://www.christourlife.ca/_truth_we_believe.html Our desire is to continue to come to the Light that we may grow in the "true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory excellence." (2 Pet 1:3)

As the Lord has been taking me personally through some of His dealings and desires me to completely trust in Him and lean not on my own understanding or strength, He encouraged me through a passage in James:

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, (tests/temptations) knowing that the testing of **your faith** produces endurance. (patience/steadfastness/perseverance) And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect (mature) and complete, (fully equipped) lacking in nothing." (Jam 1:2-4)

When I read this I was reminded that the Lord takes us through trials to test *our faith*-how much do we really trust (hope) in God-*not*, can we handle the test/circumstance and not, are we able to make it through (by our own ability). I find that this is a battle for myself. Not to try and overcome and endure the tests in my own strength (by the flesh). The word of God says, "Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favour, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness." (Rom 4:4-5) And in second Timothy, "[God] has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity." (2 Tim 1:9) I need to come to that place where Moses says to God, "Who am I." Where through forty years in the wilderness (need be it) he was emptied of himself and knew he was not able to do anything of his own abilities. May we allow God to take us to this place and humble ourselves under His mighty hand that He may exalt us in due time.

Amen.

Featured Message:

[Beware Of Lifting Yourself Up](#) by Darren

2 Chronicles 25-32; 2 Kings 20

Taking a look at some of Judah's kings we can see the dangers of becoming proud of heart and receive hope on God's mercy towards a repentant heart.

God Bless,

Joey
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