1 Thessaloníans Seríes Lesson #010

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1 Thess. 1:8, "For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your <u>faith toward God</u> has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything."

πίστις *pistis* nom fem sing faith, belief, trust; value; proof

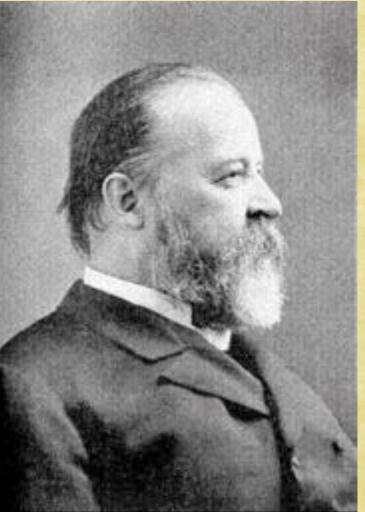


Col. 2:6, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,"

Saving faith:

"The simple acknowledgement that what God has said is true, and that what Christ has promised is sure."

~James Hall Brookes



FAITH: What is it?

Notitia Assensus Fiducia Understanding Assent, agreement Belief

fides (Latin noun) vs. pisteuo (Greek verb)

"faith" vs. "believe"

Medieval duty, fulfilling one's pledge; Loyalty to a person Mental acceptance of something as true

2 Cor. 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

The Basis of Knowledge

S	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Systems tion	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
Autonomous S of Percept	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
Auto nt 0	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; Intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent; Nonlogical; Nonrational; Nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoi	REVELATION	Objective; Revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

Gal. 5:16, "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

2 Cor. 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

3 John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

STEP ONE: Claim a promise

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions

Psa. 119:89, "Forever, O LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven.

Psa. 119:90, "Thy faithfulness continues throughout all generations; Thou didst establish the earth, and it stands." Num. 23:19, "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" Heb. 13:6, "so that we confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?'"

Psa. 60:12, "Through God we shall do valiantly, and it is He who will tread down our adversaries."

Psa. 37:28, "For the LORD loves justice, and does not forsake His godly ones; they are preserved forever; but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off." Psa. 18:2, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psa. 22:24, "For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither has He hidden His face from him; but when he cried to Him for help, He heard." Prov. 1:33, "But he who listens to me shall live securely, and shall be at ease from the dread of evil." Psa. 42:11, "Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance, and my God." Isa. 43:25, "I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins." Psa. 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."