

Jump Start 2013- Get Faith

Heb. 11.6 (NIV)... it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Faith brings salvation and acceptance

Ro. 10.17 (NCV) So faith comes from hearing the Good News, and people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.

Eph. 2.8 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Ro. 3.27-28 (NLT) Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. **28** So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Faith brings real power

Eph. 1.19-20 (TLB) I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead...

Matt. 17.20 (NIV) I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

Faith brings real joy

Ro. 5.1-2 (TLB) So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. **2** For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.

By Faith we share the future God has prepared for His people of all ages

Heb. 11.32-40 (NIV) I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, **34** quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. **35** Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. **36** Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. **37** They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated-- **38** the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. **39** These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. **40** God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.