

Adapted from the book by Kenneth E. Hagin “Foundations for Faith”

1. How Do We Get Faith?

Bible Texts: Romans 10:8-10, 13, 14, 17; Acts 11:13, 14; 14:7-10; 8:5-8

Central Truth: God has provided the way whereby everyone can have faith.

Hebrews 11:6 NASB And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Ephesians 2:8 NASB For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Romans 10:8-10, 13, 14, 17 NASB But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, (9) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; (10) for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. ... (13) for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." (14) How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ... (17) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Acts 11:13-14 NASB "And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; (14) and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

Mark 16:15 NASB And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Faith for Healing

Acts 14:7-10 NASB and there they continued to preach the gospel. (8) At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. (9) This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, (10) said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he leaped up and began to walk.

“Paul did three things:

1. He preached the Gospel (v. 7).
2. He perceived that the man had faith to be healed (v. 9).
3. He told the man to stand up and walk (v. 10).”

“The man did three things:

1. He heard Paul preach (v. 9).
2. He had faith to be healed (v. 9).
3. He leaped and walked (v. 10).”

“The man was not healed by some power Paul had. The man himself had faith to be healed. Where did the man get the faith to be healed? *By hearing Paul speak.* What did Paul speak? *He preached the Gospel.* Paul preached a Gospel of salvation and healing: ‘*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek*’ (Rom. 1:16).” – Kenneth E. Hagin

Acts 8:5-8 NASB Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them. (6) The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. (7) For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. (8) So there was much rejoicing in that city.

James 5:14-15 NASB Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; (15) and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one

who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

Romans 10:19 NASB But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, "I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

Mark 5:34 NASB And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."