

## SPIRIT/WILL: Faith OF Christ Jesus

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**  
*Galatians 2:20 (Emphasis added).*

**T**here are two different kinds of works associated with faith. **I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.** *Revelation 2:19 (Emphasis added).* The first use of “thy works” in *Revelation 2:19* reemphasizes the “first works” being earlier than any later works referenced as “thy works” in the second instance.

The “first works” *include*, but are not limited to, the acts of confession and repentance combined as discussed previously. The “last works” are the type of works Jesus did, and they are “greater” than the “first works”. By way of reproof, Jesus said we would do “greater works” than the ones He did, and yet He needed no repentance. **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** *John 14:12.*

Just as there are *two* different kinds of works for faith, there are *two* distinct kinds of faith associated with them. Both kinds of faith are associated with the “measure of faith” given to *every person*. **For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.** *Romans 12:3 (Emphasis added).*

For clarity, when the disciples of Jesus asked Him to give them more faith, Jesus suggested they had no faith. **And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.** *Luke 17:5-6 (Emphasis added).* In doing so, Jesus was referring to *His faith*. His disciples did not have His faith, because they did not have the Holy Ghost dwelling in them as Jesus did! However, we know *Romans 12:3* and *Luke 17:5-6* cannot be conflicting verses so they must be reconciled.

Our faith *in* Him *is evidenced* by our “first works” of repentance, and an amendment of life out of love in our hearts for Him. Through repentance we receive the Holy Ghost and accede to the faith *of* Christ. *His* measure of faith is the faith *of* Christ Jesus, and the kind of faith He possesses as the source thereof. When we live in Him by the Holy Ghost His measure of faith is understandably familiar to us because we love Him. Hence, “two kinds” of faith are best understood by the sources thereof. A first kind of faith associated with the measure of faith given to every man (person) in the flesh as the first type of man (person).

The second kind of faith is associated with the measure of faith of the “second” type of person “born of the Spirit”. Jesus was the start of the “second” type of man as explained previously. (As proven below, the second kind of faith is the measure of faith in Jesus alone as the “second” type of man, i.e., born of the Spirit. We accede to His measure of faith when we become alive in Him through the Spirit.)

The “measure of faith” Paul spoke of in *Romans 12:3* is a kind of faith given to every person, believer and unbeliever alike. Of course, the measure of faith in each person can be in whatever the person loves most by application of their own love of man. Is there any wonder why the god of this world—the devil, tries to make the world seem so attractive to our flesh. As a result, some people love the world and its ways, and have faith in it. Others have faith in money as a love for money. Others love their own works, even their own sin which they claim is not sin, etc. (For our purpose here in the context of this work, there is no need to discuss a measure of faith used for anything other than faith *in* Christ Jesus.)

By comparison, in *Luke 17:5-6* Jesus was talking about *His own* measure of faith as *the* measure of faith of the “*Son of man*”—a second kind of man born of the Spirit having the Holy Ghost. The faith *of* Christ Jesus as a man is the result of the God kind of love—the Spirit in Him which makes Him the begotten son of God the Father. *His* measure of faith as a man is not only *of* the Spirit, it *IS* the Spirit making Him spiritual and of God. For clarity, when the Father created the universe and everything in it, He spoke His words in faith. Whatever He said to happen then happened. The Word in Jesus *IS* the Father’s proclamation of faith, because Jesus is the Word in His spirit of man by design of the Father. For a better understanding, we know faith works by love. “...*but faith which worketh by love.*” *Galatians 5:6* (*Emphasis added*). Man’s love is *not* of the Spirit, because he is not naturally of the Spirit. God’s brand of love *is* the Spirit of God as God is love. The Word is the love of God for all mankind, saved and unsaved.

Those who receive His love—the Word and do it showing their love for Him are the saved. Those who do not remain the unsaved. The love of the Father is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost bears witness to the love Jesus gave us by the Word. As stated previously, that same faith *of* Christ Jesus is in all who live in Him by the Spirit today, i.e., the Word *and* the Holy Ghost doing the Father’s will. Needless to say, the love of the Father is powerful. **And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. *Luke 24:49.*** **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8.***

When we are sealed (sanctified) by the Holy Ghost dwelling in us, we have *His* measure of faith—the faith *of* Christ (*Galatians 2:20*), because we live in Him. **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: *Romans 8:16.*** Thus, our own measure of faith *in* Christ as the Word (God) makes Him *the author of our faith*. If we live in Him by the Holy Ghost which is the Father’s will for salvation, Jesus is also the *finisher of our faith*! The Bible says Jesus *is* the *author* and *finisher* of our faith! **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the**

**cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 (Emphasis added).**

As the finisher of our faith, we who live in Him get His faith to do His works (*John 14:12*) as the “last works” we do being greater than the first works including repentance (*Revelation 2:19 above*)! Stated another way, the works we do *of our own measure of faith* are “maxed out” by faith *in* Him. This is why the disciples thought to ask for more faith thinking they had faith, *and* why Jesus could rightfully suggest they had no faith. *Luke 17:5-6 above*. His faith then becomes ours according to the Father’s will as we live in the Spirit by the Holy Ghost.

As the Holy Ghost power of the Father bears witness to the pure Word in us, our new spirit/will of man becomes the Word making us the servants of God to spread the Word! We then do His quality works as our later works (“last works”) which are greater than the first as mentioned previously (*Revelation 2:19*) proving we are saved because we prove the Father’s will. As the saved, the pure Word *IS* our lifestyle *by His faith*. We live doing the will of the Father by the faith *of* Christ.

Accordingly, if the members of the body of Christ ever realize they have *HIS FAITH, personally and individually* already in them by the Holy Ghost power of the Father, the members would come to know nothing can stop the body of Christ from doing His works—no matter how miraculous His works may seem to our flesh. Is there any wonder why the mind of Christ is so important! **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. *Ephesians 4:11-24.***

Consider the fact this way, as the saved living in the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost we live in the body of Emmanuel (“God with us”). As part of our new life, we have a new lifestyle as the servants of God almighty. Specifically, we are the lights of the world, and the Words of Jesus and the New Testament become visible in our *lifestyle* as His children. We honor our brother Jesus that made it all

possible. We please the Father as our father by doing His will—the works of a Son (child) which Jesus is and by whom we live (*John 14:12*). **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, *What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:23-25 (Emphasis added).***

The faith *of* Christ Jesus becomes our faith by living in Him!

For the sake of completeness, as part of His doctrine to do the will of God, Jesus also said to have faith *in* God. **And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. Mark 8:1.** By definition, the faith *of* Jesus *IS* the faith that is in God literally. **Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:12.** He has the God kind of faith because He is God—belief in what He says as the Word and the actions to speak things into existence. His will for all mankind (alpha) is set forth in His Word, and His will for each person (omega) as a child of His personally is set forth by the Holy Ghost. **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Revelation 1:8.** (Remember, this is how we come to know the Father as the alpha (beginning) and omega (end) of everything.)

Faith in God, therefore, means we have faith *in* the trinity as God—the Word, the Holy Ghost and the Father. The faith of the trinity is then perfected in us when we live in Him by the Holy Ghost. By way of reproof, nobody can get to the Father, but through Christ Jesus. **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6.** When we put on His life (*Galatians 3:27*) by the Holy Ghost we find His faith—the faith *of* Jesus the Christ, is now ours to serve the Father *as our only father*. **Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; Titus 1:1 (Emphasis added).**

But note, “our use” of the faith *of* Christ is never “used” at our own discretion, but always in the context of His servant—living in the body of Christ doing the works of Jesus. **Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. James 4:3.** Compare, **If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:3-7 (Emphasis added).**

If you don't believe me, believe Paul! For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: . Wherefore I desire that *In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him* ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. *Ephesians Chapter 3 (Emphasis added).*

If you don't believe Paul, believe Jesus! And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. *Acts 26:15-18.*

If you don't believe me, Paul, or Jesus as the Word of God in Spirit, as above, what you believe is probably not true.

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