

# You Have the Faith of Christ (Why Then Don't I Feel it?)

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## Introduction:

Consider this truth; **you have the faith of Christ**, because it has great comfort and power in it. Our confidence transfers from our own faith in believing God to understanding that we are operating in Jesus' faith through us. **The benefit of this is enormous because we have great confidence in Jesus' faith and not so much our own.** Further, when we are *convinced* that we are using Jesus' faith suddenly the thought that God would not or will not hear us is gone! We know God hears Jesus! We know God honor's Jesus' faith therefore we begin to operate in greater confidence knowing we are using **the greatest faith there is**. Our insecurity or sense of worthiness to receive from God is also a non factor. We know that God's grace has given us Jesus' faith to use in His name for God's purposes. We walk in greater awareness, peace, assurance, power, and authority in using Jesus' faith. Finally, when we realize that in the Holy Spirit there is **only one faith** (Eph. 4:5), that is Jesus' faith, **then any faith we exercise in God's Word is Jesus' faith!**

Look at this verse...

*Young's Literal translation:*

Gal. 2:20 with Christ I have been crucified, and live no more do I, and **Christ doth live in me**; and that which I now live in the flesh—in the faith I live **of the Son of God**, who did love me and did give himself for me;

*AV translation:*

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ lives 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.

When we consider that the literal translation of this verse means we are *living by the faith OF the Son of God* then that means it is Jesus' very own faith.

Remember that the **Fruit of the Spirit** includes **Faith!**  
(Young's Literal Translation)

Gal. 5:22 And the fruit of the Spirit is: Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, **faith**,

Remember that one of the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** is the gift of **Faith**

1Co 12:9 **to another faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

Further, Scripture records that our salvation is by grace **through faith and this faith is not of ourselves** but is a gift, lest anyone should be able to boast that their faith saved them!

Eph 2:8,8

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

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Here are several other verses that speak to this same issue:

*Authorized Version*

3 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**.

*New King James Version*

II Pet. 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those **who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ**:

*New King James Version*

Gal. 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, **but by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified **by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

*Authorized Version*

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

## Why does this matter?

It matters because we are *not operating* in human faith but God's supernatural faith, His very own faith.

## Who's Power Tools?

It reminds me of having purchased a small, inexpensive drill for use around the house. It must have cost like \$30 dollars thirty years ago. When I asked some of these guys to help with some construction at my house they showed up **with real power tools!** Their power tools didn't have wires that needed extension cords—their tools were cordless. Not only that they were bigger, stronger, and much more powerful. When I pulled out my inexpensive circular saw and then my little hammer I felt like I was a little boy putting on the tool belt that would hold all my little toy tools—made out of plastic. I was a pretend carpenter while the big boys had the right stuff. Even though we never needed my tools, I still had them...they were all I had and maybe once in a while they would by convenience picked up one of mine and found themselves retraining from frustration and laughter at the same time. Then they'd say to me, "Get me a real tool will you..." During this experience however, through the generosity of my friends **I got to use their tools. There was no comparison of course.**

**God has bestowed upon us His very own nature, His very own power, His very own strength, peace, joy, love, hope, and FAITH. We have the same power and potential being born of the same faith, the same nature, the same God, joined of the same Spirit to do the very same things (John 14:12)...**

## But I Don't Feel it!

Someone might say, “But I don’t feel it!” I don’t have much faith at all. I don’t feel God’s, peace, strength, love, or divine life in me. I’m glad you brought that up because there is a **fundamental problem that must be addressed for any one of us to appropriate, accept, and walk in God’s provision of Faith.**

### **There are TWO kinds of knowledge:**

We must understand that all of our lives we have been born into and encourage to live by **our senses**. We grew up in and are **dominated by our sense knowledge** of the world we live in. Our senses include what we can see, hear, taste, touch, smell, all of which receive information from this world. The world’s situations, the world’s facts, the world’s advice and opinion, the way the world operates, *come through our senses to our soul;*

**HOWEVER, there is another source for knowledge it is called revelation knowledge that comes through God’s Word to our soul.**

### **Revelation Knowledge:**

When Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do the people say that I am?”

Mathew 16:15-17

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar–Jonah, **for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**”

Jesus said that this knowledge doesn’t come from flesh and blood but from heaven. **Revelation knowledge** is a work of the Holy Spirit.

John 15:26 “**But when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.**

Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom **and revelation in the knowledge of Him**,

We have therefore two sources of knowledge in this world, we have sense or worldly knowledge and we have through the Holy Spirit within us, *revelation knowledge*. **One source is of this world the other is Spirit and truth. We out of all of the creation (including the animal kingdom), are the only beings who can relate, understand, perceive, embrace and believe the Spirit world.**

2Co 4:18 **So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen**. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## **The Answer to Why I Don't Feel it!**

**It is in knowing the difference between *sense knowledge* and *revelation knowledge* and understanding how they work that answers the question, “Why don't I feel God? Or why don't I feel God's faith or strength?”**

### **Radioactivity, an illustration of this truth:**

I shared recently that radioactivity at the Nuclear Plant is not perceivable through our senses. We need a special instrument to detect radioactivity. Someone could be in the most dangerous area of exposure and not feel its affects until after the damage is done. The problem is this we can't use human senses to detect radioactivity. We need a device, another method, an instrument to detect it.

Likewise, the natural man, the sinful fallen man, the flesh dominated man of our old nature *cannot detect Spiritual life*. Listen to this verse:

1Co 2:14 But **the natural man** does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to

**him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.**

This verse is testifying to the fact that our natural man cannot discern spiritual things. In fact, it is just like an ignorant man standing in the middle of the radioactivity balking that no such thing as radioactivity exists because he cannot feel it. It wouldn't be until after he is dying from it that he would acknowledge its existence, so it is with the flesh concerning spiritual life. The natural man will consider it foolishness to embrace Spiritual life when one cannot sense it by hearing, seeing, touching, or feeling it etc. When someone says this, "Unless I can see it I won't believe it." they are being dominated by the flesh.

When the Bible teaches us that *the just shall walk by faith* it is telling us that the natural man cannot perceive spiritual truth. The just shall walk by faith because that is **the ONLY way to detect, receive, perceive, register, connect with, get in touch with Spiritual life. We could say that our radioactivity instrument (Geiger counter) is Faith!**

We are more than our physical being. We are spirit beings with a soul...we not only have physical senses we also have a conscience, mind, will, and emotions, such as guilt, love, peace, fear, reasoning, thinking, meditations, imaginations, etc...

**The Question: How then do we cross over from being dominated by our senses and sense knowledge to embrace faith and revelation knowledge and walk in it?**

We have been so dependent upon our senses that it is as if we are **blind to any other way** of living. Our body and soul in its fallen state readily believes and embraces the information we receive from the world. We trust what we think, feel, believe is true in this world. And certainly we'd better trust gravity, or other physical laws to operate safely here...I'm not saying we need to forget sense knowledge altogether. The problem is that we are not supposed to be sense *dominated* beings—trusting these things over against what God's Word says. **Our fallen nature means** that we

have fallen from something. We were meant to live one way but we are living life another way instead. When people of this world or even our own hearts proclaim that the Christian faith is a “blind faith,” **that is someone who is sense dominated trying to register faith.**

The Bible says that Christians who have not learned to discern spiritual life and truth, who have not learned to walk by faith, **are still babes in Christ** (I Cor. 3:1). Christians who are still operating according to the wisdom of this world, still bound by its knowledge, still dominated by the senses are babes in Christ. Spiritual growth and life depend upon our willingness to **venture beyond the flesh and experience faith.** We are spirit beings created to know God and walk with God. This walk takes place by knowing God’s Word and obeying it. Consider these verses:

Luke 4:4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, **‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’**"

**John 4:24 “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

**John 17:17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.**

**John 6:63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.**

Faith comes by hearing and believing God’s Word instead of believing this fallen world (Rom. 10:17). **There are the “facts” of this world but most of those facts are *fallen from the eternal truths of heaven and God’s kingdom.*** God’s will is not being done on the earth. When God’s will is not being done the facts that result are *fallen facts*, facts that are in opposition to God, rebellious facts, facts that are out of line and flying in the face of God’s eternal will. **These facts are temporary (not eternal), changeable, capable of being overcome, facts that can be moved like speaking to the mountain in Jesus’ name** (Mark 11:23, 24). These facts however real they are, painful and tragic,

can and do result in death; they **are not all-powerful**, are not inevitable, **but are subject to Christ completely**. When we exercise faith and believe in the eternal truths that have redeemed and reclaimed us in this world, **the eternal truths change the earthly temporary facts**. God's kingdom has been sent into the world through His channels, His vessels, His conduits, His Sons and Daughters, to overcome the consequences of sin. We are His ambassadors, His agents, His temple, **His living will** coming to pass in the earth. He lives in us and through us to overcome everything in His name through (His faith) faith in His Word. **This gives us authority, power, right, and the grace to do it.**

## **Why then don't we?**

**Why then don't we?** It is because we are still living to the world, dominated by the flesh, dominated by what the world teaches, preaches, and believes...instead of what the Word and God's Spirit teaches. We simply aren't convinced and believing the right things!

**Faith comes from hearing God's word taught with faith.** Faith comes because we decide that God has already decided and that His power is greater than any power on earth. **Faith changes the world we live in when we believe it in our heart and through being convinced exercising our authority to change it** (Rom. 4:17). Our heart determines the outcome because God has subjected his power and authority to the dominion of man in the earth (Prov. 4:23). Christ Jesus as a man, exercised power and authority and **changed the world's facts into God's facts.**

## **How do we begin to exercise faith and discern Spiritual life and truth and live by it instead of always being subject to the natural man?**

We must be weaned. Like a nursing child must be weaned from dependence upon his/her mother for food so must we stop being babes and grow up into the faith God has given us. **We don't have a faith problem.** **We have the very faith of God in Christ**



***Jesus.*** We are supposed to use the tools of the Spirit: peace, joy, love, gentleness, kindness, self control, FAITH! **For a lack of understanding/knowledge** and a lack of practice we are failing to take advantage of the power of God within us. We must be weaned from allowing our heart to be influenced by (what we see, hear, touch, smell, and taste) the senses **for determining what is true** or authoritative. We have all been fooled by sense knowledge many times. How many times have we trusted that we've seen everything only to discover something we didn't see right in front of us? We have a saying, "Don't believe everything you see." Illusions abound, what we see isn't always what we get. What we hear is also subject to error. In fact the scripture warns us this way,

Proverbs 3:5-7

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, **and lean not on your own understanding;**

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him; And He shall direct your paths.

7 **Do not be wise in your own eyes;** Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

## What can we trust?

**We can trust God's Word but we must convince our hearts of this truth.** When we begin to let the Word of God rule in the face of this fallen world circumstances and situations, we are beginning to live by faith. When we allow the Word of God to rule in our hearts ALONE and find our **rest, peace, and comfort** in what God's Word says we are beginning to live by faith.

This weaning process cannot be accomplished by a mental accent. This is **NOT "mind over matter"** that all we must do is eliminate the wrong thoughts and program our minds to only think positive thoughts. No, the weaning process is **a spiritual work** within us as we yield our hearts over to God's Word.

## Reconciling our Hearts to God!

I have stressed the need to reconcile our hearts to God by addressing all of our fears, doubts, and unbelief. We'll find surprising information *about what we really do believe as we search this out*. As we find out what is behind our fears, without an exception it is because we have believed what the world teaches and not what God's Word actually says. When we discover our *heart's weeds* we'll be confronted with three things that are **abhorrent to God**. We'll discover *adulterous beliefs* because we are believing someone else and not God! We'll discover we've been *calling God a liar* from our hearts because we don't believe what God actually says. Finally, we'll discover that from our hearts *we have been blaspheming God* because we don't believe in His power or *will* to act (or has acted).

**This process is vitally important** because we cannot cure our heart's weeds without addressing them, repenting, confessing, and using God's word to overcome them. Second, this process is important because it translates our heart's position from opposition to God to alignment with God—**reconciliation**. When this process is in motion suddenly we'll find our selves from our hearts, our souls, and in our spirit an awareness of faith **to Believe God! We will find our hearts settling in His faith**, discovering His rest and peace; a growing knowing will arise within us that we actually do believe Him. **We believe God based solely on His Word, His character, His nature, His compassion, and His mercy**. Wow, it is a miracle within our consciousness that we have inner strength to trust, speak, and rely upon THE WORD OF GOD ALONE!

## **Release the gift of praying in the Spirit!**

Another major area of progress from weaning our hearts off of sense knowledge to revelation knowledge is operating in the gift of praying in the spirit (tongues). Practicing all kinds of prayer is necessary for growth in spiritual things; however, God has given us this gift to help us when we don't know what to pray for as we ought and the spirit takes over from there as we speak by faith the utterances given (Rom. 8:26). God has given us this gift when we received the Holy Spirit to empower our faith to build it up and

strengthen the inner man (Jude 1:20). God has given us this gift to appropriate the mysteries of the faith (mysteries to our natural man) and bring us revelation knowledge (I Cor. 14:1-6). By praying in the Spirit often, daily, regularly, we are abiding, feeding upon His faithfulness and power, and the interpretation/revelation of God's will for us becomes a constant stream to us through our spirit man (I Cor. 14:13).

## **There is first the natural then the Supernatural!**

Another major area of progress for babes to become sons and daughters is by stepping out in faith by **their actions**. Listen to this statement from *Smith Wigglesworth* a famous man of God for healing, miracles, and experiencing the power of God:

“There comes the natural, and then the spiritual. For instance, when it is on your heart to pray, you begin in the natural and your second word will probably be under the power of the Spirit. You begin and God will end. It is the same in giving forth utterances under the Spirit's power. You feel the moving of the Spirit within and you begin to speak and the Spirit of God will give forth utterance.

**Thousands have missed wonderful blessings because they have not had faith to move out and begin in the natural, in faith, that the Lord would take them into the realm of the supernatural.**” (Smith, pg 91 EIF)

**If we truly understand and believe God** is in us and has given us His life, nature, power, peace, joy, love, FAITH—the tools of divinity; then we need to begin to act like it. We may not feel through our sense knowledge any different but our spirits will be soaring! Change the channel so to speak and begin to adopt a **new normal** which is to trust and believe God's Word so much that we begin to act upon it (See booklet *We Must Be Established in Grace*).

**Actions Trigger Feelings just as Feelings Trigger Actions:**

**There is an understanding about feelings and actions that applies here as well.** Many people have experienced the dependence upon feelings. We'll say things like, "Well, I don't feel like doing that..." or "I'm not up to it, I just don't feel it." When we live by feelings we are attaching our hearts to moodiness. Like the waves of the sea our emotions and feelings, will be up and then down. People will say, "I guess I got up on the wrong side of the bed today." This implies that they are down and their feelings are hindering them from doing this or that. It is true that human experience is often determined by how we feel this is the result of being *sense dominated* in life—the carnal life experience. **Although feelings trigger actions likewise our actions can trigger feelings.** I may not feel like cleaning up the kitchen for example. The dishwasher is full, there are a lot of dirty dishes in and around the sink and I'm tired and want to go to bed. My body is telling me to forget it; it is too much right now. Then, I'll open the dishwasher, my feelings are screaming at me to let it go, I'll take out a glass and put it away, my feelings are yelling "What are you doing?" Then, I'll take another and then another all the while my feelings are bucking me. After about five minutes my feelings have shut up. While sometime in the middle of this process maybe ten or fifteen minutes into it, my feelings *actually change*. I like that I'm cleaning up and the job is getting done. I like that I'll be going to bed with a clean kitchen. I feel better when it's done and one more thing... I liked being in control and overcoming my negative feelings.

### **This process applies to overcoming sense knowledge:**

This process also works for overcoming sense knowledge dependence and choosing to live to God's faith within. Consider this the next time you are *fighting the good fight of faith* against the flesh within you. Consider that as you continue to battle you will overcome. You will be free from being a babe in life and on your way to being the son or daughter of God according to His plan, His gifts, His power, and His life within. **We haven't had a faith problem what we've had is ignorance, lack of understanding, and a failure to use the Faith of Christ within us! Amen.**