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"Only by Faith."

It's obvious to me that we are living in the very last days of the Church Age. **That's why it's important for every Christian to learn how to live by faith** -- not just in theory, but in practice... everyday, **rubber-meets-the-road practice.**

I think it would be safe to say that many believers have no idea how truly important real faith is to their walk with Christ.

In fact, you cannot have a walk with Christ without faith! The FIRST church AGE and the LAST church AGE is a church without spot or wrinkle. Short lived, but never the less, pure

11 achievements we ONLY obtain through faith

1/ - Born to eternal life (Born again)

John 3:7-8 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

1John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.

This is the true God, and eternal life.

It is your Spirit that is born again, the same one that God said would die if Adam sinned.

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

It was their soul and true fellowship with the Father that died.

2/ - Declared righteous before God

Luke 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking

in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

1John 2:29* If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

Titus 3:7* That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3/ - Forgiven, through faith

Ephesians 2:8* For by grace are ye saved through faith;

and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

If you are truly Born Again, you know, no guess work involved

Romans 8:16* The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:.

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1John 2:3* And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

John 14:17* Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Jeremiah 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

4/ - Healed by faith

Matthew 17:20* And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing

shall be impossible unto you.

Hebrews 11:6* **But without faith it is impossible to please him:** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

5/ - Understand the mysteries of creation

2Timothy 2:7 **Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.**

Luke 1:4 **That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.**

Ephesians 3:18* **May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;**

6/ - Learn Gods word

John 14:26 **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

1Corinthians 2:16 **For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.**

7/ - Understand things to come

John 16:13 **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

1Cor 2:4 **And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

8/ - Walk by faith and not by sight

2Corinthians 5:7 **(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)**

9/ - Overcome the world

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world.**

10/ - Enter Gods rest

Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if **they shall enter into my rest:** although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

11/ - empowered by the Holy Ghost

John 14:12 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.**

Acts 1:8 **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.

FAITH IS THE SOURCE of our Strength, Guidance, Courage, Victory over the world system the flesh and the devil.

Romans 14:23 **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

Grace can only be given **by exercising faith**

Faith can only function within the sphere of Grace

GRACE - means - **Unmerited Favor** - you can not earn it or achieve it

Faith - is the **gift of God**

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