

# ***WHO'S THE GREATEST?***

## ***(Letter to the Hebrews)***

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## **FAITH DEFINED**

(Hebrews 11:1-3)

### PURPOSE

- To encourage believers to reflect on, and remember, facts
- To consider the substance (assurance) of things which demonstrate the 'real thing'

### REVIEW OF THE FACTS

- Starts with 'Saving Faith' – the Gospel (Facts) (*1Cor 15:3,4*)
- Faith is built upon by our position in Christ (More Facts) (*Romans 5:1-6, Eph1:3-14*)

### EXPERIENCING FAITH

- Always dependent on God, and will always demonstrate the work of the Holy Spirit indwelling the child of God (*Phil 1:6, 2:12,13*)
- Will have a focus (Jesus) (*Heb 12:2*)
- Will endure, even under God's discipline (*Heb 12:7*)
- Will resist temptation, and be naturally world unfriendly (*1Peter 5:9,10, James 4:4*)
- Will produce 'unexplainable' joy in view of our secure inheritance in Christ, and love for Him (*1Peter 1:3-9*)
- Will experience evidence of the Spirit's fruit (*Ga:5:22-24*)

## APPLICATION

Faith is not based on impressions, suggestions, possibilities, or probabilities. Faith is based upon the certainty of facts, scriptural facts! This leaves no room for doubting, or wondering – God’s love for us is very real; and the demonstration of His love through His Son, is profound.

Faith gets exercised when we start acting upon the facts contained in His Word. God’s testing (trials) will always lead us to greater faith. Faith will always increase as our knowledge of God increases, and as we experience His faithfulness in all things.

Examine your spiritual walk, and put aside the things of the flesh that would hinder a closer walk with your Lord. Can you identify areas in your life where the indwelling Spirit of God is being impeded, where the fruit is not flourishing due to selfish (fleshly) desires.

And now for the ‘biggy’ for most of us – why do we worry? What does that say about our faith in our great God who promises to supply all our needs.

*Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.  
(1 Corinthians 16:13)*

*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)*