

## **UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE HEARING**

### **Romans 1:16-17 (KJV)**

**16** *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.*

**17** *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

### **Romans 10:17 (KJV)**

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- Many people hear the Gospel but the power that Romans 1:16 talks about only come to those who believe what they hear.
- In Romans 10:17 the second word "hearing" literally means understanding.
- It's not enough to hear the Word of God; you have to have understanding of what you are hearing.

## **WHICH ONE ARE YOU?**

### **Hebrews 4:2 (KJV)**

*For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

### **Hebrews 4:2 (NIV)**

*...because those who heard did not combine it with faith.*

- It is possible to hear the Word and not learn from it.
- It is possible to hear faith and not grow in it.
- What are you doing with the information that you have been given?
- Hebrews 4:2 clearly states that we are to be mixing or combining the Word of God with faith.
- What is it that you are combining with the Word of God? (Fear, doubt, selfishness, bitterness, lack, unbelief?)
- God is a faith God.

- If you want to communicate with God you must use the language of faith.
- God cannot relate to your lack, doubt, bitterness, and complaining because He paid the price for you so that you would not have to relate to that kind of life either.

## **FAITH BEGINS WHERE THE WILL OF GOD IS KNOWN**

### **Galatians 3:2 (AMP)**

*Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the [Holy] Spirit as the result of obeying the Law and doing its works, or was it by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]? [Was it from observing a law of rituals or from a message of faith?]*

### **Galatians 3:5 (AMP)**

*Then does He Who supplies you with His marvelous [Holy] Spirit and works powerfully and miraculously among you do so on [the grounds of your doing] what the Law demands, or because of your believing in and adhering to and trusting in and relying on the message that you heard?*

- It's hard to have faith in something that you are not sure of.
- Faith begins where the will of God is known.
- Until you know that it is God's will for you to be healed, you will stay sick.
- People lose hope and faith in people, but God will never fail you.

## **FOLLOW THE RECIPE**

### **James 2:20 (KJV)**

*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

### **James 2:20 (AMP)**

*Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless?*

- Faith, not combined with the right ingredient doesn't produce the results that you are looking for.

- When cooking, if you do not follow the recipe your outcome will be different than you expected.
- The Bible clearly states that you must mix the Word of God with faith.
- Jude states that faith without works is dead.
- How can we begin to work our faith?

**Hebrews 4:14 (AMP)**

*Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest Who has [already] ascended and passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [of faith in Him].*

- What are you expecting in your life?
- Are you following the recipe to see that thing come to pass?
- Hebrews 4:14 says that we are to be confessing faith.
- It seems that one of the works of faith is confessing.
- I don't care how much faith you have, it won't work until you work it.
- Faith is voice activated.
- Until you open your mouth you are still sitting on the sidelines.
- When you open your mouth and begin to speak, God meets your confession with His power, ability, and promises.
- Whatever the Bible promises us is ours.
- All we have to do is follow the recipe.