

## **FAITH TO PRAY**

***Ro 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world. 9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, 10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. 11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."***

## **INTRODUCTION**

**THE ONLY WAY YOU EVER GET TO KNOW GOD IS BY FAITH.**

***Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.***

- 1. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU THAT I HAVE THE HONOR OF SERVING YOU**
- 2. NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE I AM MENTIONING YOUR NAME TO THE FATHER**
- 3. I LONG TO SEE YOU SO THAT I CAN IMPART A SPIRITUAL GIFT TO YOU**
- 4. I AM OBLIGATED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL**
- 5. THE GOSPEL WILL TEACH YOU HPW TO LIVE BY YOUR FAITH!**

## **1. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS LIVE BY FAITH ALONE**

***2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!***

***2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.***

***RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A GIFT NOT ACHIEVED***

***RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GIVEN BY GRACE THRU FAITH EPH 2.8,9***

***RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SPIRITUAL CONFIDENCE - BREASTPLATE EPH 6***

***Ephesians 6:14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.***

## **2. FAITH CAUSES THE IMPOSSIBLE TO BECOME POSSIBLE**

***Matthew 17:20 "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."***

***FAITH LOOKS FOR IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS***

***FAITH IS NOT FAITH WHEN YOU HAVE OPTIONS***

***FAITH REQUIRES YOU TO BE SPECIFIC***

### **3. FAITH APPROPRIATES EVERY THING YOU WILL EVER NEED**

***2 Peter 1:3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.***

***2 Peter 1:4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.***

***2 Peter 1:5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,***

***2 Peter 1:6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,***

***2 Peter 1:7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.***

### **THE TEMPLATE FOR SUCCESSFUL PRAYER**

**FAITH**

**MORAL EXCELLENCE**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**SELF CONTROL**

**PATIENT ENDURANCE**

**GODLINESS**

**BROTHERLY LOVE**

**GLOBAL LOVE**

#### **4. PRAYER IS THE NATURAL RESPONSE TO WALKING BY FAITH**

***Mark 11:22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God.***

***Mark 11:23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.***

***Mark 11:24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.***

***Mark 11:25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”***

***PRAY PERSONALLY***

***PRAY CORPORATELY***

***PRAY POWERFULLY***