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These are no more under the law but are now in faith. (**Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 10:16-18**). **“But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”** Jeremiah 31:33 (KJ)

As believers, the Holy Spirit prompts our hearts with God's Word to direct our hearts in the path of faith and to enable us to live righteous lives that obey the Word of God. The Holy Spirit also empowers your heart to obey His prompting. Paul said it is the Lord that works in us both to will and to do of His pleasure. (**Philippians 2:13, Ephesians 2:10**)

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All we have to do is to yield our lives to the Lord (v. 12). And, He will help us to work out our Salvation with fear and trembling.

Again, the flesh cannot do this; it is the Comforter in the life of the Believer that enables him to yield to the Lord. **1 John 2:27**—“**But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.**” (NKJ)

The Bible says, by the law, no man can be justified or please God. “**You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt* to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.**” Galatians 5:4 (NKJ); Romans 3:24—“**being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**” & Romans 3:28—“**Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.**” (NKJ). But by faith in Christ only can we please the Father. Hebrews 11:6. Only by faith in Christ can we be justified. He has risen for our justification. Romans 4:25—“**who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.**”

“**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit**”. Romans 8:2-4 Therefore, the language of faith is by the Word and the Spirit’s prompting. (CONTINUED)

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- (1) Faith is when we are being led by the Spirit not by our own flesh.
- (2) Secondly, as we can see in part one of these teachings; our faith is enhanced by ability to hear from God. **Romans 10:17.**
- (3) Contend for the faith: **Hebrews 10:19-23.**

The third component of faith is to contend for the faith. Once you hear God's Word, the enemy must launch attack to steal it or prevent you from either believing it, or block you from holding on to the Word. Your faith in the Word of God is what can help you to overcome his devices. The Word of God in you becomes the Sword of the Spirit through which you can dislodge the forces of hell in order to still stand on God's promises for your life until it manifests.

Immediately the Father pronounced Jesus His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased, the enemy started to attack Him throughout His forty days of fasting. **(Luke 4:12)** The devil, after failing for forty days then came with three major tests when he realized that Jesus was hungry. **v.3-12.** After

he had failed woefully with Jesus, the devil departed for a season **v.13**. (KJV) Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit (Not flesh) **v.14-15**. Thereafter, His ministry blossom. After the first Adam received command not to eat of the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil, the enemy came to tempt him and his wife Eve. Despite all the battles faced by Joseph after sharing his dreams, his focus on the Lord and his dream kept him until his dream became a reality. And all those whom the enemy used to persecute him bowed to him and his dream. **Psalm 105:17-22, Gen 49:18**.

“: ... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” Jude 3 (NIV)

The enemy is not happy that you are in faith hence, he is contending for your salvation. And you and I like Paul, need to fight the fight of faith (**2 Timothy 4:7-8**) in order to win the crown as we, through our work of faith, make heaven. Jude said, many agents of Satan are creeping into the Church (Believers) to truncate their faith in Christ so, they can stumble, backslide and fall out of faith. **Jude 4**. But you will never be defeated as you submit yourself to the Lord and as you resist the enemy, he must flee. **James 4:7**.

Paul told Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to him so that the enemy will not take it. **1 Timothy 6:20, 1 Timothy 1:14**. Paul further told Timothy to:

“Fight the good fight of the faith, Take hold of eternal life to which you were called when you made your confession in the presence of many witnesses”. **1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)** Read also **1 Timothy 1:18-19**.

4. The Promise. **Hebrews 11:4-40**

“.....These were all commended for their faith” v 40 (NIV).

The promise comes after we overcome the wiles of the enemy and still stand. **Ephesians 6:10-13**. The Lord said, **“To him that overcome**” **Revelation 2:7,11, 17**.

When the word comes, it takes us into the process which includes tests to prepare us for the promise. God will never give us something He has not prepared us for because it can do havoc in our lives. He prepares us for what He has prepared for us. Until you are ready to handle a particular thing, you may bungle it should you be given. Jesus told his disciples to tarry until the promise come. God told Habakkuk to tarry though the vision tarries.

When the Lord brought them out of Egypt , He worked upon them. In the wilderness, He worked in them (in their lives) to purge Egypt out of them. After, He worked through those who made it to the promise land like Caleb and Joshua etc.

“To him that overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations” **Revelation 2:26** (NIV) Read also, **Revelation 3:5, 12, 21**.

May the Lord continue to strengthen us to hold fast to the faith we have received in Christ. May we continue to enjoy the grace to stand firm to eternity in Jesus name. **Hebrews 10:23-24, Matthew 24:12-13**. Like the elders of old who obtained a good report for their faith in God, may we run the race to finish strong by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus name. Amen.



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