

[Rom 10:11-14, 17 KJV] 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ... 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **(Faith comes by our sense of hearing or what we hear.)**

1. What is the Object of your faith? Your faith is only as good as the object of your faith.

Adrian Rogers says, The object of your faith must be God. Your faith is no better than its object." Don't put your faith in your faith. Put faith in Jesus. Faith in faith is positive thinking. Faith in Jesus is salvation.

What is the object of your faith? Is it you, your wealth, your abilities, your skills?

Natural faith – We all have natural faith in the natural realm; we all live by natural faith. You're putting faith in the chair that you're sitting in right now. When you go to a restaurant, you're putting faith in the cook. We put faith in doctors.

Divine faith vs Sense Knowledge Faith – real trust operates vs faith by feelings or what we observe. Thomas used Sense Knowledge Faith. Charles Templeton quit preaching because his faith was Sense Knowledge Faith.

But biblical faith is in the **supernatural** realm. You don't generate Biblical faith. God gives it, so you don't work it up; it comes down. In 2 Peter 1:1, Peter talks about those who have obtained precious faith. People cannot believe in God unless God enables them to believe.

[2Pe 1:1 KJV] 1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:**

[Phl 1:29 KJV] 29 For unto you **it is given in the behalf of Christ,** not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

2. What is the Origin of your faith?

Divine faith comes by the Word of God

Two important things about faith. The size of your faith is not as important as the object of your faith. The origin of your faith is from God.

3. Objective of Faith

Faith in the Word, Faith from the Word

Use God's wisdom to do the will of God. Yield to Him.

[Mar 11:21-22 KJV] 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

4. How goes the Operation of your faith

Faith is belief with legs on it. Faith brings us to Obedience to God

[Jas 2:20, 26 KJV] 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? ... 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

5. Faith is a gift of God.

[Rom 12:3 KJV] 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

[2Co 10:15 KJV] 15 Not boasting of things without [our] measure, [that is], of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

Adrian Rogers: The only way you can believe in God is to hear from God, and God must enable you to believe. The instrument God uses to enable you to believe is His Word. Faith is not a leap in the dark; it's a step in the light. You hear from God. But without a word from God, you have no basis for faith. There are some people today who say, "You name it and claim it." But here is the fact of the matter: you can't claim it unless God names it. He is the Author of our faith.