

Like Precious Faith

Lesson 14 – Teacher’s Guide

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1. We were justified by the faith of Christ (Gal. 2:16).
2. God not only provided salvation but also gave us the faith to receive it. Not only were we born again through that faith, but we’re to live our entire Christian lives by it (Gal. 2:20). It’s not just a human faith that receives from God but His own supernatural faith.
3. The first step is to believe we have this faith, but the goal is to release its benefits into our bodies and souls. We don’t have a faith deficiency; we have a knowledge problem. If we don’t acknowledge this faith and learn how to use it, then we won’t see it manifest.
4. Every born-again believer has been given the measure of faith (Rom. 12:3). We received the exact same quantity and quality of faith when we were born again as did every other Christian. Some people are using more of their measure of faith than others.
5. Both Paul and Peter had this faith. If Paul lived by the faith of the Son of God, then that means every other born-again believer like him also has the faith of the Son of God (Gal. 2:20 and Rom. 12:3). Second Peter was written to a group of believers who had already obtained this “**like precious faith**” (2 Pet. 1:1). Paul and Peter lived their lives by the faith of the Son of God—and we can too.
6. We have the same faith as Jesus. We might not have all of it operating the way He did, but it’s there. Our souls, like a filter, screen what flows out from our spirits into the physical realm. As we continue renewing our minds, more of God’s supernatural faith that’s in us will be free to manifest.

1. A. Read Galatians 2:16. What were we justified by? (The faith of Christ)
B. Whose faith was it? (Christ’s)
2. A. According to Galatians 2:20, are we only born again by this faith? (No, we’re to live our entire Christian lives by it)
B. Is this a human faith or a supernatural faith? (God’s own supernatural faith)
3. A. Although the goal is to release its benefits into our bodies and souls, what is the first step? (Believe that we have this faith)
B. What happens if we don’t acknowledge this faith and learn how to use it? (We won’t see it manifest)
4. A. According to Romans 12:3, what has every born-again believer been given? (The measure of faith)
B. If every believer truly received the same quantity and quality of faith, why, then, are there differences? (Some people are using more of their measure of faith than others)
5. A. Besides Jesus, who else does the Bible reveal had this faith? (Both Paul and Peter)
B. Read 2 Peter 1:1. Who was this letter written to? (Believers who had already obtained this “**like precious faith.**”)
6. A. We have the same faith as whom? (Jesus)
B. What must we do before more of God’s supernatural faith that’s in us will be free to manifest? (Continue renewing our minds)

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God not only provided salvation but also gave you the faith to receive it. You were so bound up in sin before being born again that you couldn't reach out in your own ability to receive the salvation God had already purchased for you. Your mind and heart were simply too corrupted to believe. This sin-caused blindness separated you from God. He pierced through your darkness by speaking His Word to you through someone. God's supernatural faith came with it. Then, when you embraced that Word in your heart, you used His faith to receive His gift of salvation.

Not only were you born again through that faith, but you're to live your entire Christian life by it!

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20, emphasis mine).

It doesn't say “I'm living by faith in the Son of God” but rather “I'm living by the faith of the Son of God.” (I am aware that several modern translations render it “**I live by faith in the Son of God,**” but that's not accurate according to the Greek.) Just a few verses earlier in 2:16, Paul stated twice that you are justified by the faith of Christ. It's very clear that it's not just a human faith that receives from God but His own supernatural faith.

Knowledge Problem

The first step is to believe you have this faith, but the goal is to release its benefits into your soul and body. Just like everything else in your spirit, your faith doesn't fluctuate because of your performance. You were born again, apart from your works, using the supernatural faith of God. Now, that faith is always there. Your faith begins to operate, work, and become effective when you acknowledge the good things that are in you in Christ (Philem. 1:6). Acknowledge that God has already given you His supernatural faith!

You don't have a faith deficiency; you have a knowledge problem! You don't know what you've got. You haven't learned the laws that govern faith or how to cooperate with them. If you don't acknowledge this faith and learn how to use it, then you won't see it manifest. It won't be because you don't have it but because you're ignorant of how it works!

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“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”
(Rom. 12:3, emphasis mine).

Some people teach and some Bible versions actually translate this incorrectly saying a measure of faith. However, Galatians 2:16 and 20 both verify that this is truly the measure of faith.

You received the exact same quantity and quality of faith when you were born again, as did every other Christian. However, in God’s “soup line,” most people think He dishes out faith using a wide variety of different measures. Someone’s given a ladle full, another a teaspoon. To this one, a tablespoon, and to that one, barely a drop. Romans 12:3 soundly refutes this false perception. In reality, everyone’s given the ladle full, because it’s the measure of faith!

Looking on externals, there’s no doubt some people operate in more faith than others. You might think, *They’ve got more faith than I do!* No, they just have more of it out in the physical realm. In other words, they are using more of their measure of faith than you are. Let’s say you and I were both given identical gift cards worth \$1,000 each. I buy an \$800 stereo system, and you purchase a \$200 leather coat. Even though we were given the exact same measure initially, according to our use, we experience very different results!

Peter, Paul & You

Paul used the faith of Jesus. In Galatians 2:20, he basically stated, “I’m living by the same faith that Jesus used when He walked on this earth.” Romans 12:3 reveals that there aren’t varying measures or different amounts. So if Paul lived by the faith of the Son of God, then that means every other born-again believer like him also has the faith of the Son of God. What a radical truth!

When you were born again, you were given the faith of Jesus Christ. Even if you don’t yet understand how to release it, just the knowledge that it’s there and its potential would give you all the motivation you need to not quit until you see it manifest. If you could just grasp what I’m sharing, your expectation level would shoot through the roof!

Peter had this faith.

“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” (2 Pet. 1:1).

Peter wrote this letter to a group of believers who had already obtained this **“like precious faith.”** It wasn’t something they were searching for or seeking after; they already had it. Did they receive this faith by being holy and doing things? No, it came **“through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”** When you were born again, you also received this **“like precious faith.”**

Peter released his faith and manifested many awesome things! He walked on water in the midst of a raging storm (Matt. 14:29). He preached and saw three thousand people born again on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:37-41). Peter healed the lame beggar at the temple gate (Acts 3:6-7). His shadow fell on people who were instantly made whole as he walked down the street (Acts 5:15-16). He also raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36-41). This is he who said you have like precious faith!

If you don't believe that you have this faith, then you might as well tear 2 Peter right out of your Bible, because it doesn't apply to you! It's specifically written to believers with "**like precious faith.**" Peter wasn't operating in his own human faith. It wasn't because he was an apostle and had walked with Jesus that he was endued with such faith. Like Paul, Peter had been given the measure of faith upon being born again. He was living his life by the faith of the Son of God—and you can too!

Only Americans

You have the same faith as Jesus! You might not have all of it operating the way He did, but it's there. Your soul, like a filter, screens what flows out from your spirit into the physical realm. All of your thoughts and concepts that are contrary to the revelation of God's Word block the flow. The fact is, if your thoughts are really messed up, very little of what's in your spirit will be able to pass through your soul and manifest. That's why you may not be seeing much happen as far as actions and results. However, as you continue renewing your mind, more of God's supernatural faith that's in you will be free to manifest!

I've experienced a tremendous increase of God's faith manifest in my life. Although I'm not a perfect example, I've seen people rise from the dead. Blind eyes and deaf ears have literally opened right before my eyes. The gifts of the Holy Spirit have been able to flow through me far beyond anything I could have ever perceived in the natural realm. Through a word of knowledge, I've actually told individuals their names before! I've also accurately perceived in my spirit different people's sicknesses and diseases, what's going on in their marriages, etc. It takes faith to do such things! I don't manifest it perfectly, but I've seen such an increase that I can tell you about the positive results I've experienced, all because I've believed that I already have God's supernatural faith. I'm not trying to get more faith—I'm just learning to release what I already have!

When asked on television "Why do you see so many more healings in less developed countries than here in the United States? Is it because they have more faith?" Reinhard Bonnke, renowned German world healing evangelist with a special passion for Africa, answered, "That's an invalid question!" He clarified his assertion by adding, "Americans are the only people on the face of the earth that I have encountered who have this concept of 'more faith' and 'little faith.' In other countries, either you believe or you don't! Only Americans believe in varying degrees and having to hit level ten, twenty, or whatever before their faith starts to work. Really, this idea violates what Jesus taught in Matthew 17:20. He said that if your faith was like a grain of mustard seed, you could tell a mountain to move, and it would obey you. You could just speak to it, and your faith would work!"

What a difference this revelation will make in your life! You can now honestly and boldly declare:

“I was given the measure of faith from Jesus at salvation. The faith of Christ is in me—no more and no less than any other born-again believer. The same faith Jesus used to raise Lazarus from the dead is available to me right now. It’s just a matter of renewing my mind, because in my spirit, I’ve got the same power, anointing, and potential. From this day forward, I expect to see an increase of manifestation in my life to the glory of God! Amen!”

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Lesson 14 – Outline

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2. God not only provided salvation but also gave you the faith to receive it.
 - A. Not only were you born again through that faith, but you’re to live your entire Christian life by it.

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- B. It’s not just a human faith that receives from God but His own supernatural faith.
3. The first step is to believe you have this faith, but the goal is to release its benefits into your soul and body.
 - A. You don’t have a faith deficiency; you have a knowledge problem.
 - B. If you don’t acknowledge this faith and learn how to use it, then you won’t see it manifest.

4. Every born-again believer has been given the measure of faith.

“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” (Rom. 12:3, emphasis mine).

- A. You received the exact same quantity and quality of faith when you were born again as did every other Christian.
 - B. Some people are using more of their measure of faith than others.
5. Both Paul and Peter had this faith.
 - A. If Paul lived by the faith of the Son of God, then that means every other born-again believer like him also has the faith of the Son of God (Gal. 2:20 and Rom. 12:3).

- B. Second Peter was written to a group of believers who had already obtained this **“like precious faith.”**

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- C. Paul and Peter lived their lives by the faith of the Son of God—and you can too.
6. You have the same faith as Jesus.
- A. You might not have all of it operating the way He did, but it’s there.
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Lesson 14 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Galatians 2:16, we are NOT justified—made righteous in God’s sight—by what?
2. How many times in this one verse is this point made?
3. What were we justified by?
4. How many times in this one verse is this point made?
5. When all is said and done, how many people will be justified—made righteous in God’s sight—by the works of the Law?
6. Read Galatians 2:20. Who were we crucified with?
7. Now that we’ve been crucified, who lives in and through us?
8. By what do we now live the life we live in the flesh?
9. What did Jesus do for us?
10. Compare Galatians 2:16 and 20 in the *King James Version* with the same verses in the version you tend to use the most. How are they the same? How are they different?

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11. According to Philemon 1:6, what must we do to begin to see our faith work?

“That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus” (Philem. 1:6).

12. Read Romans 12:3. What does this verse tell us not to do?

“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” (Rom. 12:3).

13. What should we do instead?

14. Why should we think this way?

15. According to this verse, all Christians have:

- A. No faith.
- B. Some faith.
- C. Varying degrees of faith.
- D. The exact same quantity and quality of faith.
- E. None of the above.

16. Read 2 Peter 1:1. Who was Peter writing to?

17. Was this faith something these people were searching for or seeking after?

18. Did they receive this faith by being holy and doing things?

19. How, then, did this faith come?

20. As Peter released his faith—the same precious faith we have—he manifested many awesome things. Fill in the blank after each scripture listing something he did.

A. Matthew 14:29 _____

B. Acts 2:37-41 _____

C. Acts 3:6-7 _____

D. Acts 5:15-16 _____

E. Acts 9:36-41 _____

21. Read Matthew 17:20. What does Jesus compare faith to?
22. What did Jesus say that such faith could do?
23. What would be impossible?

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Lesson 14 – Answer Key

1. The works of the Law.
2. Three.
3. The faith of Jesus Christ.
4. Twice.
5. None.
6. Christ.
7. Christ.
8. The faith of the Son of God.
9. He loved us and gave Himself for us.
10. Compare Galatians 2:16 and 20 in the *King James Version* with the same verses in the version you tend to use the most. How are they the same? How are they different?
11. We must acknowledge that God has already given us His supernatural faith.
12. We should not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.
13. We should think soberly.
14. Because God has dealt to every born-again believer the measure of faith.
15. D. The exact same quantity and quality of faith.
16. Those who have obtained like precious faith.
17. No, they had already obtained it.

18. No.
19. Through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.
20. As Peter released his faith—the same precious faith we have—he manifested many awesome things. Fill in the blank after each scripture listing something he did.
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21. A grain of mustard seed.
22. Say to this mountain “Remove hence to yonder place,” and it would.
23. Nothing.

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“And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus” (Matt. 14:29).

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:37-41).

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength” (Acts 3:6-7).

“Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one” (Acts 5:15-16).

“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive” (Acts 9:36-41).

“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matt. 17:20).