

Those To Serve

Oct. 12th, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Steve Phillips

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Preside

George Thomas

Assist

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

George Thomas

Closing Prayer

Zac Hall

Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

Wednesday Oct. 15th

Song Leader

George Thomas

Invitation

Steve Phillips

Building And Communion for The Week of Oct. 19th

George Thomas

Lawn And Ground for The Week of Oct. 19th

Ed Hanson

The Park Street Proclaimer

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Cody Carr, and Don Stephenson

Prayer List

Barbra Hook, Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Wayne Stilwell, Ed Jones, Donna Jones, Drew Shinn, and Joe Tigner.

Shut - Ins

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

Upcoming Events

Men's Meeting Oct. 12th following worship

Game Night Oct. 24th at 6:00 pm

Ladies Digging Deep Oct. 25th at 11:00 am

Questions and Answers Oct. 26th

Singing Oct. 29th

Passage to Ponder: Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Sunday Sermons

Am – The Portraits of Christ: The Great Evangelist

Pm – Pray Without Ceasing

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 4:23

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 26:13



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

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Are You a Christian?

Do you know what you must do to be saved?

Hear – Romans 10:17

Believe – John 8:24

Repent – Acts 17:30

Confess – Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to olathecoc@gmail.com

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

“Faith” The Seventh Characteristic of “the Fruit of the Spirit”

Part 2

Chuck Northrop

Now that we understand there are two kinds of faith, what is faith? Some would point to Hebrews 11:1 for a definition of faith. However, this is more of a description of faith than a definition. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." From this verse we learn some more qualities of faith. Within faith, there is substance or a quality of confidence which helps a person to endure, and there is evidence which is proof. It is not some "leap in the dark" but has its foundation in proof.

So, what is faith? The actual definition of faith is "firm persuasion" or "firm conviction based upon being persuaded." However, it is used three basic ways within Scripture.

First, the word faith is used of trust. In 1 Corinthians 2:5, Paul wrote, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Paul was speaking about trust. We should not put our trust in man's wisdom but in the power of God. The Jews of old trusted in their own wisdom, and God led them into captivity. Today, rather than trusting God and preaching His word, many draw disciples after them by the wisdom of man with good words and fair speeches (Romans 16:18). Let us grow in faith by trusting God and taking Him at His word.

Second, the word faith is used of trustworthiness or fidelity. Paul wrote in Titus 2:10, "Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." The word translated "fidelity" in this verse could have been translated "faith." It is the same Greek word. To show "good fidelity" is to show one's trustworthiness, dependability, or reliability. This is probably the specific characteristic Paul is describing in "the fruit of the Spirit." When the Bible talks about the faithfulness of God (Deuteronomy 7:9; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13), it is this characteristic. When we read of those who are "faithful in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 1:1; Colossians 1:2), again it is this characteristic. Please notice this application: in order to be faithful in Christ Jesus, one must have all good fidelity. His or her life must be characterized by trustworthiness and dependability to God, His word, and His people.

Third, the word faith is used in reference to a scheme of belief. By inspiration, this is generally designated as "the faith" and refers to the holy scriptures by which we grow in faith (Romans 10:17). Luke records, "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). They were obedient to a scheme of belief or system of faith. Nearing the end of his life, Paul wrote, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). Again, Paul kept a system of belief — the word of God. Finally, Jude wrote we "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Similarly, Paul said, "I am set for the defence of the gospel" (Philippians 1:17). To defend the gospel and to earnestly contend for the faith is the same concept. Notice further, Jude said, the faith "was once delivered unto the saints" or "once for all delivered..." The Bible is the complete revelation of God. There is no place and no need for further revelation for God has given "unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3).

Faith is not some subjective leap in the dark. It is concrete and objective. It has its foundation in the word of God. Since without faith it is impossible to please God, let us determine now to grow in faith. How? By reading and studying God's eternal word for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Let us do more than just maintain this marvelous attribute of "the fruit of the Spirit," let us grow in faith so that we will not have "little faith" (Matthew 6:30) but will have "great faith" as the centurion (Matthew 8:10) and the woman of Canaan (Matthew 15:28). And let us be like Abraham, the father of the faithful, who was "not weak in faith" but "was strong in faith" (Romans 4:18-19). Therefore, like the apostles, we plead unto the Lord, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).