

Faith

"But without faith it is impossible to please him ..." (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is the basis of everything we are and do as Christians. Paul commented about faith in Colossians 2:6-10, and it will be very profitable if we can plant a seed in your heart for your future study.

The walk of faith is described in vss. 6-7. We all obey Christ by faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), so our walk is by faith. As we increase in faith, we will become *"rooted," "built up," "established,"* and *"abounding"* in thanksgiving and righteous living. Our faith increases as we are taught by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

In vs. 8, the warning of faith is detailed. Faith leaves no room for false teaching. Truth and error must be carefully delineated, and we have to reject all that is not of God (1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 2:18-23). Titus had to be warned about the importance of testing doctrine: *"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself"* (Titus 3:10-11).

The wonder of faith is depicted in vss. 9-10. When our faith is in Christ, we see the *"fulness of the Godhead bodily,"* and therefore we are *"complete in Him."* We possess such a treasure by having God's fulness in Christ. Because of this, we should not tarry in putting off the sins of the flesh through baptism, by which we are *"risen with him through the faith of the operation of God."* Thanks be to God for this unspeakable gift!

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