

Concerning Faith

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The faith heals, being obedient to it, and the true church is established in the faith that gives victory, and access to God through the righteousness of faith, and having the seal of the righteousness of the faith, and by faith are we saved, and faith remains, and we are satisfied, and come to walk in the steps of faith, having the word of faith in the heart and mouth to obey and to do it, and then by faith you stand and walk, and by faith you are justified, by the spirit of faith. There is one faith, which faith is unfeigned, and in the faith there is great boldness and godliness, and the edifying is in the faith which gives victory and access to God, and in which faith all must ask of God, and in the faith is both stability and steadfastness, and in the faith is the heavenly riches received from God, I say, in the faith of God's elect. So let everyone be faithful according to his proportion of faith that God has given to him; and as God has dealt to every man a measure of faith, in that let him walk, and keep in the unity, and edify one another as faithful witnesses, and ambassadors, and messengers, for God is faithful, that has promised. Stephen full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, all his disputers, and the council, they had no other weapons against him, but to deliver him up to the stoners to stone him to death. By faith the apostles overcame all disputers, stoics, epicureans, and the wise philosophers, that he made them run out, and called him babbler; and by faith in the power of God have many gone as signs in sackcloth, and haircloth, and naked, among all the naked professors, whose coverings have been as rough as sackcloth, and haircloth, and so through faith in the power have you seen a great deal of their coverings taken off by such as have been worse than themselves, and by faith in the power of God have many went with ashes on their heads as signs among professors, that have been covered, and not with the spirit of the Lord. They have seen worse than themselves thrown dirt on their heads, and covered them with dirt and darkness, among whom they went with ashes on their heads; therefore sing and rejoice you prophets and messengers of the most high God, and everyone have the faith in yourselves, that you may meet in that, for a faithful man abounds with blessings, and all the commandments of God are faithful. The righteous said, "my eyes shall be upon the faithful, and the Lord preserves the faithful, and a faithful man fears God." Christs said, "Well done," to the faithful servant, for "you have been faithful in a few things, I will make you ruler over much." Be faithful in all things to God, and all men upon the earth, for God is faithful, by whom you are called; and having obtained of his holy riches, be faithful, for God is faithful, who will not suffer you to suffer beyond your measures, nor to be tempted beyond your measures. So happy are you to whom the Lord has committed his

treasures, who counts you faithful, for if people believe not, yet God and Christ still abide faithful. Therefore you that believe, be blameless and faithful children, holding fast the faithful word, for God is faithful, who has promised; everyone committing your souls unto the faithful Creator of all things; so if you believe in the light by which you see your sins, and confess and forsake, he is faithful and just to forgive you all your sins, having a faithful witness in heaven, Christ Jesus, that everyone may come to see the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. For your faith and hope standing in God, virtue and knowledge is increased, and in your faith, which gives victory and access to God, have you comfort, and your trial of that work of patience, and the trial of that being more precious than gold that perishes, being found faithful, and that it may flow over the world, giving victory over it, and its foundation, from which the Lamb has been slain of the world, that lies in wickedness.

By faith was Enoch translated, and so by that faith are all from the death to the life, from the darkness to the light, into the endless life, and so by faith comes to stand, in which they come to increase in faith. The faith makes them heirs of God and the promise, which faith gives them victory and access to God, over that which separates from him; and faith, hope and love abides. Those who are of faith, are blessed with faithful Abraham, and have victory over that which makes a separation between God and man, and which brought the curse, who are of the household of faith, and so knows the unity of the faith, and one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. So faith keeps the good conscience, being in the mystery held in a pure conscience, looking to Jesus the author of it and finisher. By which faith you are saved, you are sanctified, you are justified, and the just lives, which gives the victory and access to the Lord, over that which brought the separation from God, and condemnation in uncleanness, and not pure. Those who purify their hearts by faith witness this, and the fruit of faith which works by love, and gives victory over the enmity. So fight the good fight of faith, which is your shield, for all those who have made shipwreck of it, fight against it with carnal weapons and shields, canes or clubs; therefore. Above all things take the shield of faith, and put on the breastplate of faith, and then stand with your shield, and breastplate, and helmet of salvation, which is the power of God, and the faith of the gospel the power of God, and the cross of Christ the power of God, and your faith in the grace of God which brings salvation, and then hold fast the profession of your faith, for without faith it is impossible any should please God, for they are not in that which gives victory and access to him, which brings plagues, wrath, woe, vengeance, and condemnation, and all their offerings and sacrifices God does not accept, not being in the faith that gives access to him. How should he receive their sacrifice, how can they bring them to him, if they are not in that which gives them victory over that which separates from him, and by which they have access to him? How should they have access to him, and how can they please God, not being in that which gives victory over that which does displease him? The Lord will reward every man according to his

faithfulness; so the preaching of faith which gives the victory and access, in which is the unity and fellowship, in which everyone shall know his breastplate and shield to keep off and fight withal, that which made the separation between them and God, through which he shall have the victory; and so who are come to this, are come to the hearing of faith, and going on in the way, and on in the victory, on in the unity, and are come to the end of the law, and to the hearing of faith. There the spirit is received, and faith is in the conscience, and by their faith they have peace with God, having victory over that that made the separation between them and God, and so the heirs of righteousness by faith, and are to inherit Christ Jesus, Gal 3.