

HOW'S YOUR FAITH?

Part 2

Text: (*Hebrews 11:1*) *God's Word Translation*

"Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see."
Faith is being confident of what we expect, convinced of what we don't see.

PAUL WAS COMFORTED BY THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH (*1 Thessalonians 3:5-8*) *CSB*

- Paul's relief
 1. Timothy was sent to also find out about their faith
 2. Faith is observed in words and actions
(*Mark 2:3-5*) NKJV
(*Matthew 8:5-10*) NKJV
 3. There was good news about their faith and love
 4. Paul was encouraged by the faith of the church
 5. By faith they stood firm in the Lord

HOW DID THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH GET FAITH?

- They heard a message **(*1 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 8-9*) NKJV**
 1. Three times Paul mentions preaching to them the gospel of God
- They received the message **(*1 Thessalonians 2:13*) NKJV**
 1. But not as man's word, as the Word of God
(*Romans 1:16-17*) NKJV
 2. Conversely, no power for those who reject it
(*Mark 4:14-16*) NKJV
- Faith in God is faith in His Word **(*Romans 10:17*) NKJV**
 1. We can have faith in different areas of life
(*John 14:27*) NKJV
(*1 Peter 2:24*) NKJV