

CGL01 Chain Reference Poor In Spirit Faith (PSF)

Revelation 3:17, 18

1 Peter 1:7

2 Peter 1:1:1, 5

Jude 1:3

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

Matthew 5:3

Deuteronomy 32:18-20

Matthew 6:30

Mark 4:40

Mark 11:22-24

Romans 12:3

Habakkuk 2:4, 5

Psalms 119:21

James 4:5, 6

Psalms 34:18

Matthew 21:44

Psalms 51:17

Isaiah 66:2

Matthew 11:28-30

Proverbs 3:34

Psalms 138:6

Luke 17:5, 10

Psalms 119:34

Daniel 9:13

Daniel 4:34

Psalm 47:7

Psalm 111:10

Hebrews 5:7-9

Hebrews 12:28, 29

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Faith is the medium through which truth or error finds a lodging place in the mind. It is by the same act of mind that truth or error is received, but it makes a decided difference whether we believe the word of God or the sayings of men. When Christ revealed himself to Paul, and he was convinced that he was persecuting Jesus in the person of his saints, he accepted the truth as it is in Jesus. A transforming power was manifested on mind and character, and he became a new man in Christ Jesus. He received the truth so fully that neither earth nor hell could shake his faith. Signs of the Times, June 5, 1893, par. 4

The gold mentioned by Christ, the True Witness, which all must have, has been shown me to be faith and love combined, and love takes the precedence of faith. Satan is constantly at work to remove these precious gifts from the hearts of God's people. All are engaged in playing the game of life. Satan is well aware that if he can remove love and faith, and supply their place with selfishness and unbelief, all the remaining precious traits will soon be skillfully removed by his deceitful hand, and the game will be lost. Vol. 2, Testimonies for the Church, 36.

As a people we are to be purified from our natural evil habits and desires. Our hearts must be changed, or we can not correctly represent the Lord Jesus, who gave his life for us. The Son of God took humanity upon him that he might make it possible for humanity to take hold upon divinity through the exercise of a perfect faith. Christ is our example for the development of a perfect character. Through the strength we receive from him, we may be overcomers. In seeking him for those things that we need, we must exercise a faith that will not be denied. We must represent him by following humbly in his footsteps. Through faith in his merits and practise of the truth, we shall receive of his grace, and this will be revealed in kindness of heart and of action, and in singleness of purpose. Courtesy and sympathy will be revealed in our lives. By a daily opening of the heart to truth and righteousness, as they are found in Jesus, we

shall be able to reveal that truth and that righteousness in our dealings with others.. Review and Herald, February 18, 1909, par. 8

God means that men shall not only love him, but that his fear shall be in their hearts. Noah's faith was mingled with fear; for it is written that Noah, being warned of God, moved with fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his house. His faith intensified his fear; for it was no cowardly fear that moved him. He dared not suppress the words of God for fear of men, or withhold his message in dread of the consequences that might result because of the opposition and hate of the wicked and unbelieving about him. He knew the power of God, and realized that God would fulfill his word. His fear of God did not separate him from God, but served to draw him closer to him, and to lead him to pour out his soul in earnest supplication. There were many who at first received Noah's message, but the fear of men was greater than the fear of God, and they turned away from the truth of God to believe a lie. As time passed on, and reproach and ridicule were heaped upon them, their hearts failed them, and they did not bear the test. It is the testing time that will measure professed faith and assurance in God. Courage and integrity cannot be estimated rightly by men until the day of trial puts them to the test.. Signs of the Times, April 18, 1895, par. 9

God works for the striving ones who exercise faith and practice godliness in the home life, in the church life, and in the small and larger interests that will unfold as we advance upward, climbing on the ladder that Peter has presented to every believer. If these practical workings of duties are faithfully attended to, God works on His part on the plan of multiplication, imparting grace to the one who imparts in his life the grace given him in representing genuine sanctification to the world in his own character. "If these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things (the true representation of Christ's character) is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." Vol. 15, Letters and Manuscripts, Ms 45, 1900, par. 22

The work of transformation from unholiness to holiness is a continuous one. Day by day God labors for man's sanctification, and man is to co-operate with Him, putting forth persevering efforts in the cultivation of right habits. He is to add grace to grace; and as he thus works on the plan of addition, God works for him on the plan of multiplication. Our Saviour is always ready to hear and answer the prayer of the contrite heart, and grace and peace are multiplied to His faithful ones. Gladly He grants them the blessings they need in their struggle against the evils that beset them.

There are those who attempt to ascend the ladder of Christian progress; but as they advance they begin to put their trust in the power of man, and soon lose sight of Jesus, the Author and Finisher of their faith. The result is failure—the loss of all that has been gained. Sad indeed is the condition of those who, becoming weary of the way, allow the enemy of souls to rob them of the Christian graces that have been developing in their hearts and lives. "He that lacketh these things," declares the apostle, "is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

The apostle Peter had had a long experience in the things of God. His faith in God's power to save had strengthened with the years, until he had proved beyond question that there is no possibility of failure before the one who, advancing by faith, ascends round by round, ever

upward and onward, to the topmost round of the ladder that reaches even to the portals of heaven.. Acts of the Apostles, 532, 533.

If every one will come to Jesus in a teachable spirit, with contrition of heart, then they are in a condition of mind to be instructed and to learn of Jesus and obey His orders.

He sees the past movements you have made; He knows every error and mistake of your life which has been a hindrance to your spiritual advancement. He seeth not as man seeth; He knoweth the outcome of every movement; and if you have had little faith mingled with your prayers and movements, cultivate faith and hope and trust in God now; for if there was ever a period that tried the souls of men in the past, there will be a greater necessity in the times before us. We cannot have a weak faith now. We cannot be safe in a listless, indolent, slothful attitude. Every jot of ability is to be used, and sharp, calm, deep thinking is to be done. Vol. 8, Letters and Manuscripts, Lt 45, 1893, par. 25, 26.