



## **True Faith Part 1**

True faith is beyond belief. It is a knowledge deep in the heart that a thing is true, real, and of God.

True faith is God's knowledge planted in the heart of a believer.

True Faith is the original eternal substance that people like Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Peter, Paul, John had. It allowed them to have a son at 99 years old, to open the Red Sea, close the mouth of lions, spread the gospel, write a good part of the New Testament and receive the visions that became the book of Revelation.

Jesus is the same yesterday today and for ever. If this was the faith He gave people back then that same faith that is available to us today and will be the same faith available in the future.

Faith then is eternal. It isn't something we have to work up in ourselves. It is not of us but of God. It is a gift to us. It is a gift that we are to use so that He can live through us. A Christian is a person who lives in Christ and Christ lives in them. Christians are the physical representation of the spiritual life of Jesus here on earth.

Why then aren't we more effective?  
Is faith lacking?

Many people struggle to believe live the Christian life and put that down to their lack of faith. It isn't that at all. They probably haven't been taught the basics of the Christian Faith in the sense of what Jesus Christ is, did, and will do.

There is a True Faith once delivered to the saints. Regrettably most "Christian Churches" do not believe the Virgin Birth of Christ, some even struggle to accept the resurrection. The Christian message has been watered down and frequently not preached. Without the right

foundation how can anyone have belief, find faith, and be a true Christian?

Jesus pointed out to Nicodemus that unless a person is born again they cannot even see the Kingdom of God. You can't join Christianity like you can join the marines or a club; you have to be born into it.

Unfortunately many of today's churches don't offer a rebirth; they offer fellowship, a chance to become a member, an opportunity to join. And what is taught in those churches has little to do with the Bible but has everything to do with doctrine, creed and authority. Instead of walking individually with Christ, joined by love to other believers, most Christians are enticed to accept a human hierarchical structure of ministers, bishops, and so on. What is believed and taught comes from theological colleges that turn out ministers with less faith in God and the Bible than most of the congregation. There is a description in Revelation 3 of exactly that type of a Christian Church. Lukewarm, it is neither on fire for God nor against Him. It stands secure in its own conviction that it is the Christian Church, seeing the spiritual, being rich in the things of God and clothed with salvation. But God says this church is wretched, poor, blind and naked.

This is the Laodicea Church. But worse is to come. Jesus Himself is standing at the church door, knocking to come in. That Laodicea church doesn't even have Jesus Christ inside it. Only individuals open the door to Christ, but to those that do then Jesus himself will come in, live in them moment by moment, day by day.

And God has promised to send a messenger to bring us back to the faith of the Apostolic Fathers. This is a time when the Son of Man will again be on the scene, when the mystery of God should be finished.

When we have that then we will find True faith in our hearts.