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“Faith & Favor”

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

Start to Finish Faith

Romans 1:17 – “This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through faith that a righteous person has life.’” (NLT)

Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Favor with God is inseparable from and impossible without Faith
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But what about my Faithfulness?

Hebrews 12:14 – “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 5:9 – “And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,”

The Key – Obedience of Faith

Hebrews 3:12-19 – (12) “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (13) But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. (15) As it is said, ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.’ (16) For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? (17) And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? (18) And to whom did he swear that they

would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? (19) So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.”

Romans 1:5-6 – (5) “through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, (6) including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ”

The “To Do” – Abide

John 13:10-11 – (10) “‘...And you are clean, but not every one of you.’ (11) For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’”

John 15:3-4 – (3) “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. (4) Abide in me, and I in you...”

1 John 2:28-29 – (28) “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. (29) If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”

John 21:20-22 – (20) “Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ (21) When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about this man?’ (22) Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain (*abide*) until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!’”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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