

THE VICTORY THAT CONQUERS THE WORLD

(1 John 5:4; Hebrews 11:1-3, 6; 4:14-16)

Everything having been regenerated of YAHWEH overcomes the world, and this is the victory which overcomes the world, even our faith; who is the one overcoming the world except the one who believes that YAHSHUA is the Son of YAHWEH (1 John 5:4, 5)?

Faith is the victory that conquers the world; faith, even the size of a mustard seed, has the power to move the hardest mountain; faith is the most essential ingredient in the recipe for spiritual success, for it is generated from YAHWEH and it is the foundation and pillar of our belief. When He imparted His Spirit to the believer, He imparted faith, because faith is He. The greater the faith we have the more of Him that we have. That's the reason why faith is victory, the overcomer of the world. We can only have the fruit of His Spirit and experience the true joy, and peace through faith, the root of hope, confidence and all that pertains to the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Faith is the seed of the Holy Spirit planted in our spirit, giving us life so we can bear His fruit of righteousness seeing in their characteristics of joy, peace, love, patience, goodness, kindness, humility, self-control, faithfulness. Using the example of an apple, we see that although it is one fruit it has many characteristics: it is sweet, or sour, small, or big, ripe or green; it is red or yellow, or green, but only when we eat it we can define its taste. Like all fruit that YAHWEH created, it has the most important part to reproduce –seeds. The seeds are the life of a fruit; inside that tiny seed there are many possibilities of tall trees with many thousands of fruits. Faith is like the **seed** in a fruit, it is the life, the essence of our belief (fruit); the Spirit of Faith is the HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF, giving life to whomsoever will, instructing the believer to bear fruit with the same characteristics of His fruit. We can only experience joy and peace, when we have experienced Him in our spirit and soul.

According to Hebrews, faith is a substance- essence, reality and matter. So faith is the essence, the life of our hope; without faith there would be no hope; hope brings joy and peace to our soul. In the experience of life we say, hope is the last one that dies, but when faith is replaced by doubts and fear, hope becomes hopelessness, joy becomes worry and peace becomes anxiety. Everything that is not done in faith is sin because it is done in doubt. Without faith one cannot please YAHWEH (Hebrews 11: 6). In Romans 14:22,23 we read, Blessed is he who has no reason to judge himself for what he approves; but the man who has **doubts** about eating and eats, stands condemned, because he is not true to his convictions and he does not act from faith. For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin. And so it is with everything we do independent of faith. The writer of the book of Hebrews said, But the just shall live by faith; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him (Hebrews 10:38). It is well known by our experience that when we are not filled with the Holy Spirit (faith), we are vulnerable to the activities of the spirit of fear.

Faith is also the evidence of things hoped for, things not yet received. We believe, therefore we have hope – hope of our eternal salvation; we hope for it with joy and anticipation. As a seed planted, faith establishes itself in the spirit of man with deep roots through the written Word of YAHWWH, helping man to grow to bear fruit, which reflects YAHWEH'S presence in him. Let's

remain firm in His faith so that we can draw near to YAHWEH with confidence; let us examine and test and evaluate ourselves to see whether we are holding to our faith and showing the **proper fruit of it** (II Corinthians 13:5).

Confidence in the love of YAHWEH is a root of faith that gives boldness in trust when we enter His presence, believing that our High Priest has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sin. So dressed in faith let's draw near to Him with confidence, because it is from His throne that we will receive grace and mercy in times of our needs (Hebrews 4:16).

Faith is a sustainer of hope in trials. Paul left a wonderful example of it when he prayed for the thorn in his flesh to be removed- a thorn given him to keep him from being proud in view of the experience he had had. YAHWEH gave him His grace to suffer through it instead; Paul then said, I will more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities that the strength and power of Christ may rest upon me (II Corinthians 12:6-9)! His sufferings for the sake of Yahshua mentioned in the previous chapter, gives us an example of perseverance and endurance of his faith in YAHWEH: five times he received forty lashes but one; three times he was beaten with rods; once he was stoned; three times he had been aboard a ship wrecked at sea; a night and a day he had spent [adrift] on the deep; many times he was exposed to perils from rivers, perils from bandits, perils from his own nation; perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the desert places, perils from those posing as believers; in toil and hardship, watching often in hunger and thirst, frequently driven to fasting by want, in cold and exposure and of clothing (II Corinthians 11:24-27) and he never lost hope sustained by his faith. For this reason at the end of his life he could say confidently, I fought the good fight of faith; I have finished the race, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, will award to me and recompense me on that day. .. (II Timothy 4:7-8). What an example of Faith!

Faith is victory that conquers every spirit that comes against the believer to defeat and handicap him; it conquers every spirit of infirmity, if only we had a small portion of it- small as a grain of mustard seed! We would see results of its power; the world would testify the greatness of Yahweh in our life; we would doubt less; trust more, and we would see more miracles. Faith is indeed Yahshua hanging on the torture stake (cross) and at the end of his ordeal, saying, **IT IS FINISHED!** Let these words sink in your soul; take time to

THINK ABOUT IT!