

Faith – Developed

The strongest, best established faith is that which is the result of Christian edification; that process by which a believer is rooted and built up in his spiritual life, [COL. 2:6, 7](#). One of the most important results of Christian growth is the progressive increase in the believer's ability to use faith. Several important factors in the development of Christian faith are listed here along with some representative Bible passages.

- Faith requires the continuous intake of truth from the Word of God. "*...faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God...*" [ROM. 10:17](#).
- Faith is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit and requires the control of the Spirit for its function. "*...the fruit of the Spirit is...faith...*" [GAL. 5:22, 23](#); [EPH. 5:18](#).
- Faith must be exercised daily by:
 - 1) Using Faith-Rest principles in day to day living, "*...we who have believed do enter into rest...*" [HEB. 4:1-3](#);
 - 2) By using Faith Patience in all situations, "*...the testing of your faith worked patience,*" [JAMES 1:3](#).
- Applied knowledge overflowing from the human spirit, which refers to all witnessing, requires the exercise of faith. "*...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...*" [EPH. 3:17-20](#).
- Moving towards maturity includes the development of great faith. "*...this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith...*" [1 JOHN 5:4, 5](#); [HEB. 11:6](#).
- Daily occupation with the Lord Jesus Christ "completes" faith. "*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...*" [HEB. 12:2](#).
- Undeserved suffering both tests and strengthens faith. "*...the trial of your faith...*" [1 PETER 1:7, 8](#).