

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

June: Back to the basics

Week 3 – Faith

Introduction

“Faith” is one of those words that become part of our vocabulary very early on in our Christian walk, and rightly so, because it is a fundamental part of our lives. Faith gets us through the door to belief and puts us in a position to truly experience the grace of God. While we have all experienced faith, and can point to examples of faith in action, some of us may struggle when asked to explain their faith, and why they have it. Is it simply a get out of jail card with which believers try to explain what they do not understand? Is it an *opium of the people* – used to distract believers from their current situation while promising them a future that may never come to pass? **Of course not.** Given how fundamental faith is to our entire worldview as believers, we should have a firm understanding of what it means and why we have it. This will be our mission for today’s study.

Pilot text

[Heb 11:1](#) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[Rom 5:1](#) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

- What is faith?
 - [Heb 11:1](#)
- What is our faith grounded in?
 - [John 8:14-18](#), [Luke 1:1-4](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [Phil 3:10](#), [Eph 1:17-20](#)
- What is the purpose of faith - what is it that we need to be convinced of?
 - [Eph 2:8-9](#), [John 1:12](#), [Rom 5:1-5](#), [Heb 11:1](#), [Heb 10:23](#)
 - The will of God – [Rom 12:2-3](#), [Heb 11:4](#)
- What are those things that cause us to struggle in faith, and how do we overcome them?
[Open discussion]
- Take home actions
 - Make a list of things in your life and around you that are causing your faith to struggle and how you are going to overcome them.

Note:

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