Faith & Tradition

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What is Faith

- A specific system of religious beliefs
- Is sure of what you hope for and certain in things you don’t see
- Is centered on God & govern by the Truth
Elements of Faith

- Doubtless
- No reality
- Submission of heart
- Entrust our life & future
- Filial piety & loyalty
- Results
- Confidence
When we talk of **faith** we need to consider:

- **Who** is your central axis
- **How you live** by the tradition
- **What laws** govern you
Famous Faith Figures

- **Noah** – keeping God’s instructions for 120 yrs (received once)
- **Abraham** – offering his only son Isaac (only hope for God’s blessing)
- **Job** – doesn’t accuse God for what had happened to him
- **Paul** followed Jesus even w/o meeting him
Matthew 14:26–31
“You MAN of Little Faith”

Matthew 9:20–22
“Your Faith has Healed You”
Interesting stories

- 3 wise men
- Peter
- John the Baptist
- People who were healed
- Mama Mary
- Judas
Believers thru Miracles

- 5 loaves of bread
- Blinds could see
- Lame could walk
- Sick got healed
- Mute could speak
- Casting demons
Where were the believers?

- John the Baptist’s doubt
- Peter’s denial
- Judas’ betrayal
- Jesus trial with Pontius Pilate and the Crowd
  - Disciples
  - Mama Mary
  - Those who were healed
Rom 5:1–2
We are justified by our faith!

What does it Mean?

◆ base on our relationship with God centering on the Messiah
  - (judgment by heart)

◆ base on our WAY of LIFE centering on the Heavenly tradition
  - (judgment by lifestyle)

◆ base on our personality centering on God’s words (mind–heart–speech)
  - (judgment by the word)
Heavenly Laws & the Truth

- **John 8:32**
  - The truth shall set you free

- **Joshua 1:8**
  - The Book of the Law will make you prosper & successful

- **Prov 4:22**
  - God’s words are life for those who seek them and medicine for the sick

- **Ephesians 6:17**
  - Helmet of salvation & sword of the spirit
Our Relationship w/ God

- Should not be abstract
- Not master & servant
- Not by fear or blind obedience

- IT SHLD BE base on Parent–Child relationship where there are Trust–Confidence–Peace–Freedom–Concern centering on Love & Heart
What happened to our faith & belief?

Why we can't keep our faith until the end?
Problems w/ faith

- Worries about future
- Fear of persecution–rejection
- Superficial belief
- Presence of ego & self
- Lack of confidence
Heavenly Tradition

- Discipleship – study of God’s words
  ♦ (embodiment of the word)
- Evangelization – witnessing & fellowship
  ♦ (embracing people)
- Pastoral – homegroups
  ♦ (expanding God’s territory)
- Offerings – tithing, prayers, fasting
  ♦ (expression of devotion)
- Service – community volunteerism
  ♦ (enactment of love)
While others are depressed and hopeless, you are filled with hope and spirit. When others are in panic, you can have peace in your heart (Hebrews 11:1)
Peace be with you All!

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