

Heart Faith

A. Mental Assent

- 1) Understanding the mind. Matt 22:37
 - a) The mind is the doorway to and controller of your body.
 - b) The body interacts with the world thru five senses, which provide input to the mind.
 - c) The mind interprets the input based on data stored in the brain. Based on analysis of the input, the mind controls your body & your destiny thru your actions & words.
- 2) What is Mental Assent?
 - a) Mental Assent is understanding and agreeing in your mind.
 - (1) For a natural (carnal) person,
 - Mental Assent is making decisions based on input of the five senses.
 - Mental Assent is agreeing with the circumstances of life.
 - (2) For a supernatural (spiritual) person,
 - Mental Assent is making decisions based on the Word of God.
 - Mental Assent is agreeing with the Word of God.
 - b) Mental Power
 - (1) There is little spiritual power in Mental Assent because it is the natural mind trying to control the natural body, so it relies on natural or carnal power.
 - (2) Mental Assent leads toward power of the mind, physical self-control & diligence.
 - (3) Mental Assent is relying on the arm of the flesh.
 - c) Mental Assent leads to walking by sight: it is based on observation and testing.
 - d) Mental Assent frequently results in no actions & no words. There is no commitment, just an agreement (e.g.#1 -- in the natural, believing in global warming but without taking some action; e.g.#2 -- in the spiritual, agreeing that you have been healed by the stripes of Jesus but initiating no changes in your approach to healing).
- 3) Renewing the mind
 - a) Be not conformed to the world. Present your body as a living sacrifice. Rom 12:1
 - b) Be transformed (metamorphosized) by the renewing of your mind. Rom 12:2
 - c) Your mind makes decisions based on the information stored within the brain. The process of Godly change begins by replacing the controlling data in your mind.
 - d) Knowledge of God's Word in your mind allows your Mental Assent to be based on God's promises instead of solely on the input from the five senses.

B. Heart Faith

- 1) The Definition of Faith.
 - a) Webster's Dictionary - Belief and trust in and loyalty to God. Mark 11:22
 - b) Amplified Bible - Leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence. Heb 6:12
 - c) King James Bible - Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen. Heb 11:1
 - d) Amplified Bible - Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, Heb 11:1
 - (1) the **title deed**) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things
 - (2) we do not see and the **conviction of their reality**
 - (3) [faith perceiving as **real fact** what is not revealed to the senses].
 - e) ABC – Believing, trusting & relying on the Word of God, written or spoken, **regardless** of circumstances, as demonstrated by your words and actions.

- 2) What is Heart Faith?
 - a) Created to have Faith Gen 1:26
 - b) Types of Faith: natural/spiritual, mind/heart, mental assent/real faith (heart).
 - c) Heart Faith is your Proof
 - (1) Faith is the substance – the physical material from which something is made.
 - (2) Faith is the evidence – the outward sign, furnishing the proof.
 - (3) Faith is the title deed – the guarantee of things we do not yet see.
 - d) Heart Faith is believing in your heart.
 - (1) As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Pro 23:7
 - (2) Heart Faith is part of your core value system.
 - (3) Heart Faith triggers automatic & reflex actions & words, esp. in emergencies.
 - (4) Heart Faith releases the issues of life from God, Who lives in your spirit. Pro 4:23
- 3) Growing in (Heart) Faith
 - a) Study the Word (2 Tim 2:15), act on the Word (Jam 1:21-25), speak the Word. Josh 1:8
 - b) Continue in (to live in and by) the Word to be a disciple and to be set free. John 8:31-32
 - c) Mental Assent becomes Heart Faith when you act on the agreement. Jam 1:22-25

C. Faith is Believing and Acting

- 1) Faith without works is dead. Jam 2:17
- 2) Faith is Believing and Confessing.
 - a) We are saved by grace through faith. Eph 2:8
 - b) We are saved (*by grace*) by believing and confessing. Rom 10:9-10
 - c) Therefore, “believing and confessing” are equivalent to “faith” in that they produce the same results.
- 3) Faith is speaking to the mountain and not doubting in your heart. Mark 11:23

D. The Prayer of Faith

- 1) The Prayer of Faith states, “What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them.” You shall have “them” when “them” meets the following three conditions:
 - a) You must desire them.
 - b) You must pray for them.
 - c) You must believe that you receive them at the time when you pray. Mark 11:24
- 2) Standing in Faith (i.e., in real Faith, which is Heart Faith). Eph 6:13
 - a) If you believe (*in your heart*) that you receive them (present tense: i.e., receive now at the time of prayer), then you shall have them in the future.
 - b) If you believe that you receive them when you pray (i.e., that God has answered the prayers in the Heavenly realm), at some future time they will manifest in the natural.
 - c) If you accept your faith as the title deed to the manifestation of the answered prayer, then you will see that answer in the future
 - d) If you believe in your heart (i.e., which results in action) and not with mental assent, then you will receive the answer.
- 3) Faith Action Plan Jam 2:22
 - a) If you believe that you did receive when you prayed, then create a Faith Action Plan.
 - b) A Faith Action Plan consists of steps (actions, words or both) which reflect behavioral changes, resulting from believing you have already received the answer to your prayer.
 - c) In other words, as best as you can, start living right now as if you can already see the manifestation of your prayer. (**Don’t** quit your doctor nor throw away your medicines).

- d) If you believe in your heart, you will automatically start acting and speaking as if you truly believe. Matt 12:34-35