

FAITH



3. Faith and Confession

The Bible speaks a great deal about faith. We have learnt that faith isn't something we can work up, rather it is produced by the Holy Spirit when we hear God speak to us. If it is genuine faith it will result in confessing what God has said, and obeying what God has told us to do. In this study we will find out how faith and confession are linked.

The word 'confess' in our Bible actually means 'to speak the same thing as.'

- ♥ What are we to confess, or 'say the same thing as', according to Romans 10:8-10?
- ♥ How are our hearts involved in our confession? See Matthew 15:8-9
- ♥ What does the Bible mean when it speaks of our 'heart'? Discuss. Also look at Proverbs 4:23
- ♥ How will we know the true condition of our heart according to Jesus? Matthew 12:33-37

If there is truly faith in our hearts then it will be evident by our thoughts, words and deeds. Let's check our own thoughts and words. What kind of words have you spoken this week? Do they demonstrate faith or unbelief?

- ♥ Many Christians know they are meant to confess the right things and so they quote verses, but they don't see any results. Why do you think this is? Discuss. Also look at 2 Corinthians 4:13

First we must believe what we confess, or it will produce nothing, as we cannot create faith ourselves. How then can we prepare ourselves so we can receive faith?

- ♥ Share ways that will help you receive and cultivate faith in your life.

God's Word is living and active and has the power to do great things! Most of us believe this in our minds and speak about it, but we don't always see those mighty things come to pass in our lives. It is faith that activates the word that God has spoken to us, which will produce results. Let's prepare ourselves to receive faith by spending time with God each day. Then think about it!