

1. Last week I taught The Importance of Doctrine. After a brief review we will continue our study of 1Ti 1:4.
2. Before we do, however, you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming your sins to God as the Holy Spirit may or may not show.
3. Now we are ready to resume our analysis of 1Ti 1:4, but first an expanded translation of 1Ti 1:1-3.

1Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the command of God the Father, our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope and guarantor of all that awaits us both in time and eternity,

1Ti 1:2 to Timothy, my reliable student and legitimate son in the Christian faith. I want God's plan in action and the peace and stability that comes from that plan for your life; the plan, the plan in action and the peace resulting from that plan must come from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Ti 1:3 Just before I left Ephesus to go into Macedonia, I urged you to stay at Ephesus in order that you might serve as my vicar, charging those who are teaching false doctrine to cease and desist,

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 1:4 which in the KJV has been translated "Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith ..." noting it might better be rendered "**nor do I want you to give assent to Gnostic myths and endless Jewish fables about genealogy which stimulate vacuous questions rather than the teaching of God's protocol which glorifies God and comes only by means of faith ...**"

5. The entire verse four has been translated in the KJV.

KJV-Sentence continues

1Ti 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

6. And now for the phrase "which is in faith."

WHICH IS IN FAITH: Ο ΕΝ ΠΙΣΤΙΣ

1. **Ho En Pistis** is better translated "which only comes by means of faith ..."
2. The article **Ho** is declined as an accusative singular and used as a relative pronoun; it is followed by the preposition **En** and the noun **Pistis**, both declined as instrumental singulars.

SO DO - these words are not found in the better manuscripts.

3. Let me give you several points about faith.

3.1 Faith is a nonmeritorious system of perception (totally unmerited) given to us by God.

3.2 God gives the ability to believe to all "normal human beings."

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

3.3 In a spiritual sense the result of faith is given to all others who never reach the age of accountability. 2Sa 12:23

2Sa 12:21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

2Sa 12:22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

2Sa 12:23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

2Sa 12:24 And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.

3.4 There are three basic methods for learning.

- Rationalism-the ability to reason things out
- Empiricism-the ability to learn by feeling, seeing, smelling, hearing, tasting and/or touching
- Faith-when you accept a thought or idea or fact as truth because you are told it is so. Most agree 70 to 80 percent of that learned is learned by faith. Authority is an important contributor here.

3.5 In the spiritual realm, faith is the most important method. Faith is especially important in this realm because no one can prove or disprove God.

3.6 The object of faith in the spiritual realm takes on unprecedented importance. This is emphasized by the Greek verb most often used for faith, **Pisteuo**, a transitive verb; as a transitive verb it requires a direct object. The noun form of **Pisteuo** is **Pistis**.

3.6.1 Faith, therefore, can and should have a dynamic object. In a spiritual sense, faith must have an object with inherent power to produce. In a grammatical sense, faith as a transitive verb needs a direct object to produce the action of the verb.

3.6.2 In a secular sense, faith in an object such as an incorrectly packed parachute may prove devastating to the well-being of even the most faithful jumper. I read of a woman here in Austin who believed she could call 911 if a rapist came. He came and she died. She had faith in the 911 system, but things did not work out and she was raped and murdered.

3.6.3 Misplaced faith, therefore, can prove fatal and so also in the spiritual world. Faith in an object incapable of producing can be spiritually devastating.

3.6.4 If you believe your goodness will get you to heaven, your faith in such an impotent object will only get you to the lake of fire. This is a direct and predictable result of faith placed in an object without inherent power.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Rom 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

3.7 The objects of faith are of unequalled importance. Let's explore this for a moment.

3.7.1 According to the Scripture, the object of faith for salvation must be Jesus the Christ.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

3.7.2 For spiritual maturity after salvation, the Scripture is equally clear. It takes faith in an object with inherent power to produce, and that object is doctrine. The mind of Christ clearly tells us we must use the two power options to grow spiritually. A lack of faith in doctrine (that is to say, a refusal to be convinced concerning the truth of the Word of God) will produce zero spiritual growth.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he Who has suffered for us in the flesh has put an end to the control of our old sin natures;

3.7.3 A chart will illustrate.

<p>Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation</p> <p>Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity</p>
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3.7.4 Faith then is a mental attitude which grows as you take in the Word of God. Believing what you find in the Scripture concerning faith when under pressure is a must.

As you live the Christian life you will be given opportunity to apply the faith-rest principles; we should fear not trying them.

2Co 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Heb 4:1 Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

Heb 4:2 For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

Heb 4:3 Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest." And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

4. Now let's see how our entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 1:4 nor do I want you to give assent to Gnostic myths and endless Jewish fables about genealogy which only foster empty questions and vain pontifications rather than glorifying God; such glorification comes only when believers use the two power options and grow in His grace,

5. Before we exegete 1Ti 1:5, let's see what we have learned from our study of 1Ti 1:3-4.

Summary Points

1. Faith in the sense of a relaxed mental attitude is one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**,

2. Faith is enhanced when we are tested and proved.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

3. Faith in Christ is the means for overcoming the world. It is the means of avoiding condemnation and acquiring salvation. It is the source of avoiding the bad and gaining the good.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son

of God?

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

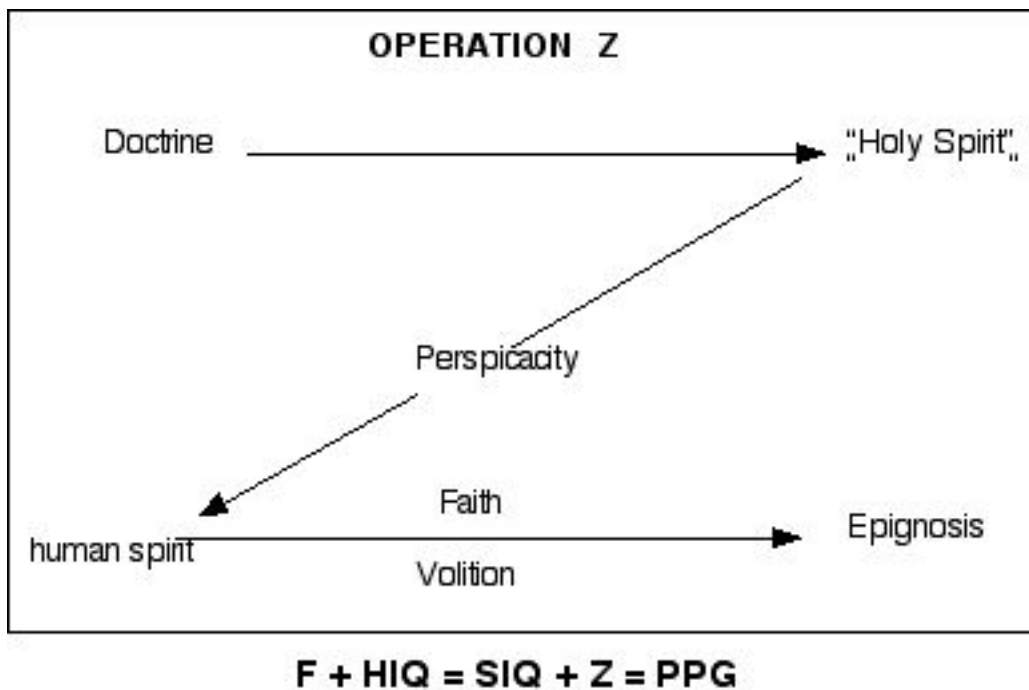
Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

4. Let's look at our Operation Z chart.



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