

THE KEY TO PLEASING GOD
Facing Life with Faith - Part 4 of 4

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith, it is impossible to please God..."

2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith."

I. WHAT IS REAL FAITH?

1. Real faith is not just something you _____.

James 2:14 "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such `faith' save him?"

2. Real faith is not just something you _____.

James 2:15-16 "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, `Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed.' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"

3. Real faith is not just something you _____.

1 John 3:17 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

James 2:18 "But someone will say, `You have faith -- I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do."

4. Real faith is not just something you _____.

James 2:19 "You believe that there is one God. Good! But even the demons believe that -- and shudder!"

5. Real faith is something you _____.

James 2:20 (LB) "When will you ever learn that `believing' is useless without doing what God wants you to? Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith!"

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not your own doing, but God's gift... and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good works, which he has already prepared for us to do."

- The basis for my salvation is _____.
- The proof of my salvation is _____.