



Energized By Faith



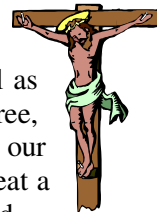
As we go on with God there comes a wonderful, close association --- an inputting of His very life and nature within us. As we read His Word and believe the promises that He has so graciously given us, we are made partakers of His very being and His life. When this heart fellowship takes place, our faith cannot be daunted. We can no longer doubt in our hearts that God's promises are all true. But, how do we obtain such a wonderful closeness to Him?

His words to us are the key, for they are spirit and they are life; transforming us and changing us - -- removing that which is worldly and bringing in that which is divine. With our natural mind it is impossible to understand the marvelous love of God. A love that gives freely without conditions to be met, and requires only that when we pray we ask in faith, believing. Jesus reveals the giving nature of God in Matthew 7:7, *"Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asks receives, and he that seeks finds, and to him that knocks it shall be opened."*



Love gave us our most precious gift, Jesus. And this same love helps us to have faith in Him. In every weakness your faith in God will be your strength. When you need his touch, remember --- consciously bring to mind --- He loves you! God has already bestowed on you (given as a free gift) all things that have to do with life and godliness. This promise is found in II Peter 1:3-5, *"According as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain to (have to do with) life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue (excellence): By this means (the knowledge of Him) He has given us exceeding great and precious promises: that you may be partakers (sharers) of the divine nature of God, because you have escaped the moral corruption that is in the world through lust".* For this reason pay attention to the divine promises and make every effort to exercise your faith.

Faith is like a muscle. It has to be exercised in order to become strong, and just like a muscle, in order to keep it strong, you have to use it for little things as well as big. Jesus heals the brokenhearted, lets the physical and emotional captives go free, and saves even the very worst sinner. This is the glorious Gospel (good news) for our spirit, for our soul, and for our body. Dare we turn away, ignore and neglect so great a gift? How dare we --- when the highest price, the sacrificial death of the Son of God --- was paid so you and I can have these gifts working in our lives everyday?



The devil, the Atheists, and unbelievers want to do away with this glorious gospel of liberty and eternal salvation.

"But, if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost (those who refuse to hear and believe)." 2 Corinthians 4:3. The original meaning of the word "hid" is the Greek word, "klepto." We get our word "kleptomaniac" from it. A kleptomaniac is someone who steals things. The word "klepto" means "to steal and to conceal what has been stolen by covering it up." It is our enemy the devil who since being cast out of heaven, has killed, stolen, and destroyed in order to try and stamp out this gospel message. John 10:10.

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The devil, has blinded the minds of them that refuse to believe, preventing them from seeing the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:4. There are a great many people who want to be healed and set free, but they have no power to do anything because they are harboring some hurtful or shameful thing that came in their hearts years ago, or recently, and their faith has been paralyzed because of it.

Bring everything: every hurt, every worry, every fear, every resentment, every hatred, every anger, every dislike, every failure, every inadequacy, every self-condemning thought, every aching loneliness, every need and every desire to the light. Let the precious blood of Jesus cleanse you and make you whole. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9.*



All the things like those listed above will hinder your faith and will keep you from being energized by faith for the complete restoration of your spirit, soul, and body. If you will only believe, God will meet you at your place of belief, and bring you into the glorious sunshine of His love.



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2. What does the unconditional love of God require? _____

3. What is the most precious gift that God's love has given me? _____

4. According to 2 Peter 1:3, how much has God given me freely? _____

5. How do I receive this gift and open it? (2 Peter 1:3) _____

6. What does the knowledge of Him give me? (2 Peter 1:4) _____

7. Who is the gospel hid from? (2 Corinthians 4:3) _____

8. Who was the original thief who steals from God's people? (John 10:10) _____

9. How does the devil steal the gospel? (2 Corinthians 4:4) _____

10. How can I be cleansed so I'm energized by faith? (1 John 1:9)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE: _____

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1. What is the key to a close fellowship with my God? His words are the key for they are spirit and they are life.
2. What does the unconditional love of God require? Only that we ask in faith, believing.
3. What is the most precious gift that God's love has given me? Jesus as my Savior.
4. According to 2 Peter 1:3, how much has God given me freely? All things that have to do with my life and godliness.
5. How do I receive this gift and open it? (2 Peter 1:3) Through knowledge of Him (God) who has called me to glory and virtue.
6. What does the knowledge of Him give me? (2 Peter 1:4) Exceeding great and precious promises so I can share in the divine nature of God.
7. Who is the gospel hid from? (2 Corinthians 4:3) It is hid from them that are lost (those who refuse to hear and believe).
8. Who was the original thief who steals from God's people? (John 10:10) The devil.
9. How does the devil steal the gospel? (2 Corinthians 4:4) He blinds their minds.
10. How can I be cleansed so I'm energized by faith? (1 John 1:9)

MEMORY VERSE: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*