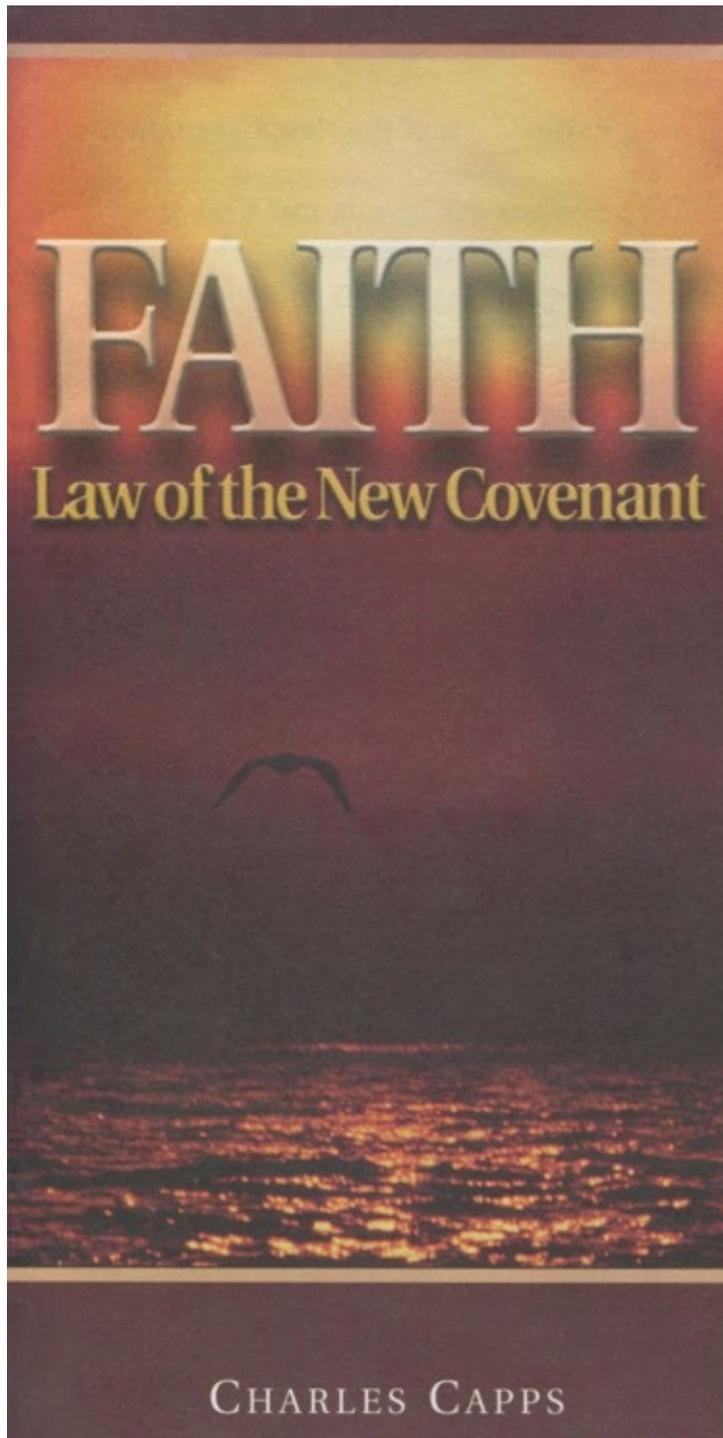


FAITH

Law of the New Covenant



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FAITH—LAW OF THE NEW

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COVENANT

Genesis 1:1 reveals that God created the heavens and the earth. The apostle John gave us some very

important details of the creation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

Verse 14 reveals the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus. Hebrews, chapter 11 gives us insight into the fact that God framed the world.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (Hebrews 11:3)

Just as God framed the worlds with His Words, we are also framing our
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world daily with our own words either for better or worse. The law of faith is one of the means of changing your world around you and your family. Everything you see on this earth began by words. God's words are the most powerful force in the universe today. Words are transmitters. Your

words can transmit faith or fear. They are also capable of transmitting the faith of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:1 says, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” Faith is the title deed. It is the substance of things that God has already given to us.

II Peter 1:3 tells us He has given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness. He also tells us He gave us all these things through the “... *exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.*” God has released sufficient faith in every promise to cause it to become a reality in your life. Faith is the substance of those things God has already given us.

Paul said,

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But now the righteousness of
God without the law is manifested,
being witnessed by the law and the
prophets; Even the righteousness
of God which is by faith of Jesus
Christ unto all and upon all them
that believe: for there is no*

difference. (Romans 3:21-22)

Faith is the substance that is resident in His Word. Jesus said, “... *the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*” (John 6:63).

When being tempted by the devil Jesus said, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*”

There is life in every word of God. In contrast, there is death in the words of the devil, and they will afflict and oppress everyone who speaks them.

When we speak God’s Word after Him, that Word creates within us the divine energy of God called faith. That faith is capable of transposing a sinner’s unrighteousness into righteousness.

In Romans, chapter three Paul reveals that faith is the Law of the New Covenant.

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his

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just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus... By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. (Romans 3:25-27)

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (Romans 3:31)

Notice that Paul calls faith a law saying you can't boast about being the righteousness of God, because it is not something you did. But it is something you received by faith when you were born-again. You are justified by faith.

We could say it this way: Justified means

just-as-if-I-had-not-sinned.

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law” (Romans 3:28). What is he talking about establishing? He is certainly not referring to establishing the law of the Old Covenant, which was a law of works. In Galatians, chapter three Paul gives us the reason for the law of the Old Covenant.

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... For if there had been a law given which could have given life,*

verily righteousness should have been by the law. (Galatians 3:21) ... Before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (Galatians 3:23-25)

It is evident from these verses in Galatians and in Romans 3:31 that he is not referring to the law of the Old Covenant, but the law of the *New Covenant, which is faith.*

For it is by grace that you are saved through faith. That faith comes from the Word of God.

Paul in Romans 8 refers again to the Law of God. “... *The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be*” (Romans 8:7). Some try to operate the law of faith in their head—that is called mental assent, but faith works in

the heart. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness. You can't believe with your head what you can't believe with your heart.

Even under the New Covenant we still observe the spirit of the law, but not the letter. II Corinthians 3:6 tells us why. *“Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”* It is not through works, but rather through faith that we receive redemption and all the benefits Christ provided at Calvary. They are a finished work; He has already given them to us. Psalm 107:20 says, *“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”* Notice it didn't say that He sent His Word to heal them. He sent His Word **and** healed them. It was done two ways, His written Word and Jesus who was the Word of God personified. *“... The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14).

The Law of Faith, which operates by the power of the spoken Word, can change your situation in life. Here are some of the principles of that law.

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And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. (Matthew 21:22)

... Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith... what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:23-24)

... If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. (Luke 17:6)

These principles reveal how the law of faith works.

In Romans 1:20 Paul said, “... *the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...*” How can you see invisible

things? They are understood by things that are made, or natural things. If you

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can't see it clearly in the Word, you can't have it by faith. I am referring to seeing it on the inside with the eye of faith. In other words, an understanding that causes you to perceive it as truth and become fully persuaded.

In Joshua 1:8, God said to Joshua,

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do ... all that is written therein.

(Joshua 1:8)

How are you going to observe or see?

The spoken Word of God creates the image inside you. God's Word brings light and revelation in your spirit.

Without a revelation of God's Word, it won't produce in your life. For if you don't have a revelation of the Word, someone will talk you out of it before you set the law in motion. Sometimes people let the enemy in through carnal reasoning and nullify everything that God promised them.

God's promises belong to you. Just as the title to your car proves your ownership, faith is the title deed to what

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God has already given you (see II Peter 1:1-8). In Mark, chapter four Jesus said, "*The sower soweth the word.*" Where was the word sown? In the heart of man. The soil represented the heart of man. This parable in Mark, chapter four reveals how the Kingdom of God works. "*So is the Kingdom of God as if a man cast a seed into the ground.*" How does man cast seed into the ground (heart)? He does it by speaking, proclaiming, and decreeing what God said, regardless of his situation or circumstance. "If you have faith as a seed you would speak it" (Luke 17:6). That's the way you put the law of faith to work in your behalf. The laws that govern the world of the spirit are extended into this earth. The natural laws also reveal spiritual laws. The law of gravity dictates that anything heavier than air will fall if you drop it. But when man really understood the law of gravity he used that knowledge to overcome that law. When

you combine the law of lift with thrust, an airplane overcomes the law of gravity and flies like a bird. Yet, you could sit on the runway all day praying that the airplane would have lift on the

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wings, but nothing will happen until you apply the power of thrust to create the lift needed to overcome gravity.

Here is the parallel truth—you can't obtain faith by praying for it. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. You must hear what God says to have faith in God and His promises. You only get Bible faith from the Bible—the Word of God. It is possible to believe with all your heart and not have an ounce of Bible faith. If your belief didn't come from the Word of God, it's not Bible faith. The God kind of faith comes from the Word of God, for God and His Word are one. Your confession of God's Word is to your faith like thrust is to an airplane.

God's Word is designed to create faith, but it won't do it in the pages of your Bible. It must get inside you. Paul said, "*The word is nigh thee, even in*

your mouth and in your heart” (Romans 10:8). Faith won’t work in your head. Faith is transferred into your heart by speaking God’s Word after Him. God’s divine energy (faith) that is resident in His Word can be transferred into your heart over a period of time by

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confessing and meditating on God’s Word.

I asked the Lord one time, “Why aren’t things going for me like they were a few years ago?” He said, “Check up on what you’ve been doing. You’ve backed off of your confession of the Word.” Your faith in God’s Word will never rise any higher than your confessions of that Word.

Jesus said it this way, *“If you abide in Me and My Words abide in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you”* (John 15:7).

FAITH FOLLOWS THE WORD.

IF YOU DON’T HAVE THE WORD IN YOU, YOU WON’T HAVE FAITH TO RECEIVE GOD’S PROVISION. To enter into the promises of God you must access the faith of God. And that is done

by meditating on and confessing the promises (Romans 5:2 and Mark 11:23-24). Quite often you hear people say, “I am just standing on the Word,” but you can only stand on the Word that abides in you. Just because you have heard it doesn’t mean it abides in you. It can be in your head and not in your heart. You

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can know about it and not have an ounce of Bible faith.

When an airplane is thrust through the air, it creates its own lift. This is the way your confession of the Word creates the divine energy that is capable of causing you to rise above the circumstances of life. An airplane does not do away with the law of gravity, but it overcomes it. You are not going to do away with sickness, disease, and problems on earth until the lease expires and satan is cast into the bottomless pit. But, you can overcome the curses that he brought about through sin. God’s divine energy of faith is always resident in the promises of God. But that energy does nothing until it is set in motion by speaking (planting).

Here is a perfect parallel: There is no lift created until the airplane wing moves through the air. That is the reason for the engines. Thrust and lift working together are the determining factors of when that airplane wing will create sufficient lift to overcome the law of gravity and fly through the air like a bird. It works every time because it is a law. But it won't happen overnight, it

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takes time.

Someone asked: “How long do you have to confess the Word of God?” Until you create sufficient faith to overcome your situation. The curses may be hitting you in the face, and everybody is telling you it is not working, but Jesus said, “He shall have whatsoever he sayeth, if he believes, if he doubts not in his heart, if he believes what he says will come to pass, he shall have it.”

Even when you have overcome, continue to confess God's Word so you will have sufficient lift (faith) to continue to overcome the circumstances of life. Remember faith cometh by

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away with all the problems of life, but
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