

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Heb. 11:1; NAS).

Faith is the foundational element of everything we do. We must have faith to have life itself! You are person of faith--far more than you realize. Each day you have faith in the food you eat and the water you drink to keep you alive, yet I dare say that you understand the digestion process. You have faith in the consistent, immutable laws of gravity, thermodynamics, chemistry, and physics that make living on this planet a reality.

On a more practical level, you have faith that when you fill up your car, that you are putting gasoline in the tank and not something else (you really never see what goes in there!). You have faith that when you eat in a restaurant that the food is not poisonous and is fit for consumption, even though you did not prepare it. And what about all those "miracle drugs" and other medications that we take? You do so, on faith that they will help your physical well-being although you don't really know what they are made of and where they came from! My list could go on and on.

God wants us to live by faith in spiritual matters too. He has made many promises and by His word will keep them all. He wants us to believe in Him and trust Him even though we have never seen Him. Why should that be so difficult? Each day we have faith in things and people we have never seen or heard of to bring us the things we need. Surely, we can have faith in an almighty God who wants to save us eternally!

See you Sunday!

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