

HOLY SPIRIT: FAITH

“And now abide faith...” (I Corinthians 13:13).

Faith proceeds from our spirit. It is the result of the Holy Spirit moving in our human spirit to produce beliefs and actions toward the promises of God. Faith comes through the Word of God (Romans 10:17) which is inspired by the Holy Spirit (II Timothy 3:16) and convicts us in our spirit by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:37). Faith is activated when a person is convinced by the Holy Spirit to believe the Word of God and responds in obedience. Thus, faith comes from an interaction of the Spirit of God and the Word of God in our human spirit. That begins with the conviction to believe in Christ, and it continues throughout the life of a believer. Faith is not a result of effort; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). We are saved to do the good works God has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10). Every work God accepts in us is the result of the faith He gives us. Faith begins in our spirit, not our mind. Minds are transformed to faith and through faith that God places in our spirit (Romans 12:2). If you do not feed your spirit your faith cannot grow (I Corinthians 3:1). When we do not grow we revert to carnality which sabotages God's work of faith in us (I Corinthians 3:2-3). Not to grow in faith is to walk in the flesh rather than according to Holy Spirit. Faith “abides.” That means it remains. Once we are born again we are in union with Christ, and that never changes. If we don't remain in communion with Christ and the Holy Spirit If our faith doesn't grow, and we become unfruitful (John 15:2-4). If you want to grow in faith, feed your spirit by listening to the Word of God and obeying the Holy Spirit within you. If you are not willing to do that, don't be surprised if your faith doesn't work.