

I Thessalonians 3:10 – “Praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect (complete) what is lacking in your faith” (I Thessalonians 10).

PRAYER FOR A COMPLETE FAITH

This is not a prayer for faith, but a prayer to help complete what was missing in their faith. It doesn't seem that we are to ask for faith. Once the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” Jesus told them they had enough faith. Faith wasn't the issue. He told them about mustard seed faith. A mustard seed is very small. It isn't the size of the seed that matters; it isn't the size of the faith that matters. Jesus used an illustration of the mustard seed to teach His disciples about obedience (Luke 17:5-10). Mustard seed faith is obedient faith. Obedience is the proof of faith. When you obey the word, you exercise all the faith you need. You don't need more faith to obey. You need to obey God with the faith you have. Don't pray for more faith. Pray for grace to do what you know to do. If you lack faith, spend time in the Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and help you obey the Word. James said, “I will show you my faith by my works.” Then he said, “by works faith (is) made perfect” (James 2:18, 21). Yield yourself to the Word of God. Find a church that teaches the Bible. Listen and learn from the Word. Ask questions. Pray for someone to disciple you. Pray for the Spirit to teach you. Pray for the Spirit's help. That doesn't take more faith. It takes more commitment to the faith you have. “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17). The problem is never the size of your faith. Little faith, plus obedience, equals mustard seed growth. Act on the faith you have. Just plant the little faith you have, and let it grow.