

Five Degrees Of One Faith **Ephesians 4:1-6**

There is only one faith - Romans 10:17

From THE faith, we develop OUR faith - **Romans 1:16-17**

But not everyone has the same faith - faith exists in varying degrees from person to person.
We will look at various Bible descriptions of faith
Ask yourself "Is this my faith?"

Dead Faith - James 2:17, 26

This is faith that is simply "belief only"

It requires no work and that's what it gets! Easy to see why it is so immensely popular

Jesus died to make us alive - **Colossians 2:12-13**

Why be raised to "newness of life" only to be dead again?

Real faith is alive & it shows!

2 Parts to the gospel: 1st part is believing it; 2nd Part is behaving it!

Weak Faith - Romans 14:1

This is not faith derived from God's word but rather one's own conviction regarding things acceptable to his conscience.

This weak faith can possibly hinder fellowship with one another.

Sometimes caused by lack of knowledge - **1Corinthians 8:4-7**

The key is not to "pass judgement" on the opinions of the weaker one.

Little Faith - Matthew 6:25-30

Little faith is actually doubt in God's faithfulness to provide.

It is a wavering trust that God will fulfill His promises - **Matthew 14:22-31**

If Jesus says, "Come!" must believe in His ability to get us there!

Little faith can be a good thing, if placed in right One - **Matthew 17:14-20**

Our problem can sometimes be too little faith in God & too much faith in ourselves.

Great Faith - Matthew 8:8-10

This is faith that caused the Son of God to marvel!

This faith recognizes Jesus' authority & trusts His word. - **Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 1:18-23**

At a burning building in New York City's Harlem, a blind girl was perched in the fourth-floor window. The firemen had become desperate. They couldn't fit the ladder truck between the buildings, and they couldn't get her to jump into a net, which she, of course, couldn't see. Finally, her father arrived and shouted through the bull horn that there was a net and that she was to jump on his command. The girl jumped and was so completely relaxed that she did not break a bone or even strain a muscle in the four-story fall. Because she trusted her father completely, when she heard her father's voice, she did what he said was best.

Likewise, let us have simple, trusting faith in God and His word, knowing that He knows what's best for us. With God's help, this great faith matures and becomes...

Saving Faith - Hebrews 10:35-39

This is obviously the faith we all want. How does it work?

Examples are in **Hebrews 11**

Many examples of folks who heard God, believed Him, & obeyed Him.

Why would we think it should be any different for us?

Where are you in your faith?

Is it great? Weak? Dead?

Put it to work now by resolving to make it a saving faith, obedient to Jesus in all things.