



TITLE: BPA-222 FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH II DATE: 25 AUGUST – 9 NOVEMBER 2008

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TEXT:

Derek Prince, *Faith to Live By*

Guy P. Duffield and N.M. Van Cleave, *Foundations of Pentecostal Theology*

Bible in a recent English Translation (e.g., RSV, NAB, NKJV, NIV, NEB).

DESCRIPTION:

In this course, the objective is to discover by Scripture what faith is and what faith is not. This discovery is vital to the believer, since it is by faith that we please God. Paul declares that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Ro.14:23). This is a powerful statement. Whatever the believer does must be done by faith. Remaining in the realm of faith will keep the believer from sin. Strong's defines the word "faith" as coming from the Greek word "*pistis*" meaning, "persuasion, credence, moral conviction, of religious truth or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher, especially reliance upon Christ for salvation." It also means "constancy in such profession." It is assurance and belief. The Greek word "*pistis*" is from another Greek word "*peitho*," meaning to convince by argument, true or false.

GOALS:

I.	Introduction	VIII.	Faith is Found in Two Areas
II.	What Does The Word Faith Mean	IX.	How to Obtain Faith
III.	How Important is Faith	X.	Where Does Faith Come From
IV.	What Causes Faith to Arise in Our Hearts	XI.	Faith Has a Language
V.	What Are Some Ways That We Can Receive The Word of God	XII.	Importance of Faith
VI.	Definition of Faith	XIII.	What is True Faith
VII.	Faith Has Two Sides	XIV.	Reasons for Faith
		XV.	What Faith Is
		XVI.	Works (Deeds) of Faith
		XVII.	What Faith is Not
		XVIII.	Enemies of Faith
		XIX.	Conclusion

REQUIREMENTS:

A term paper consisting of 6-8 written pages on the topic of FAITH will be required on the date of the last class. A minimum of two (2) outside sources must be cited other than the Study Guide and the Bible. You will use as your primary source the discussions on the topic of faith (653 occurrences in 275 articles) in *Foundations of Pentecostal Theology*. Trace the topic using the Index. It is an absolute requirement of this course that the final revision you submit be, in the judgment of the instructor, a thorough and responsible piece of scholarship, representing college-level work both in form and in content.

RESOURCES:

GOOD READING DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TOPIC IN ADDITION TO THE SYLLABUS' BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Charnock, Stephen, *The Existence and Attributes of God*, Baker / Revell, 1996.
- Colson, Charles. *How Now Shall We Live*, Tyndale House, 1999.
- Lee, Mark, *Finishing Well: Winning in the Race of Faith*, Christian Publications, 1996.
- Meyer, Joyce, *If Not For the Grace of God*, Harrison House, 1995.
- Packer, J.I., *Knowing God (with Study Guide)*, Inter-varsity Press, 1993.
- Swindoll, Charles, *Simple Faith*, Thomas Nelson, 1996.
- All books in the *Men and Women of Faith* series.

OTHER SOURCES WORTH READING:

- Hagglund, Bengt, *History of Theology*, Concordia Publishing House, (undated)
- Jurgens, William A., *Faith of the Early Fathers* (3 vols.), Liturgical Press, 1970.
- Webber, Robert, *Ancient Future Faith*, Baker / Revell, 1999.

These are not required reading for the class.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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WEEK : 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.	SECTIONS	ASSIGNMENTS
Week – 1 25 August 2008	Intro to Course	Preparation for the course.
Week – 2 15 September 2008	STUDY GUIDE pp. 9 – 27	Readings due: Prince, Chapters 1 – 3 A 1-page spiritual essay on your reading is due. Homework I due. Homework II due Homework III due Quiz #1 (covers HOMEWORK 1 – III)
Week – 3 29 September 2008	STUDY GUIDE pp. 27 – 42(Q) MID-TERM EXAM	Readings due: Prince, Chapters 4 – 6 A 1-page spiritual essay on your reading is due. Homework IV due Quiz #2 (covers HOMEWORK I – IV) Midterm exam (HOMEWORK I – IV)
Week – 4 13 October 2008	STUDY GUIDE pp. 42(R) – 55(E)	Readings due: Prince, chapters 7 – 9 A 1-page spiritual essay on your reading is due. Homework V due Homework VI due Quiz #3 (covers HOMEWORK V–VI)
Week – 5 27 October 2008	STUDY GUIDE pp. 55(F) – 70	Readings due: Prince, chapters 10 – 11 A 1-page spiritual essay on your reading is due. Homework VII due Homework VIII due Homework IX due Quiz #4 (covers HOMEWORK VII–IX)
Week – 6 9 November 2008	FINAL EXAM	Term paper due Final Exam (covers homework I - viii)

EVALUATION: Attendance, homework, quizzes, tests, exams, term paper, reading log, and class participation. All students must evaluate the course itself by reporting, in writing, any errors or discrepancies in the course material. This includes any printed matter that accompanies the study guide such as that mentioned in this paragraph. All written work must be a formal word-processed document. It is to be double-spaced, one inch margins on all sides, left justified, 12 point font, Arial or Times New Roman, 0.5 indented paragraphs and free of grammatical and spelling errors, have a cover sheet, and a works cited page.

*****Each Spiritual essay, as applicable, should be one page, typed, one-inch margins, and double-spaced. If you do not have access to a typewriter or a computer, you will be hand-writing your paper, then each paper needs to be two pages. To complete this step of the homework you will hand in either one or two pages for each spiritual essay depending on handwritten or typed.

STUDY ASSISTANCE: AS OUTLINED IN CLASS AND DURING "OFFICE HOURS."
 →Citing Biblical References primer— http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical_References.htm
 →Grammar & Writing for Seminarians— <http://www.crossmarks.com/resources/grammarwrite.htm>
 →Guidelines and Tips for Written Exercises— <http://catholic-resources.org/Courses/WritingTips.htm>
 These are helpful sources in writing your required term paper for the class.

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