

The Growth of the Church

“Faith”



“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

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* Need for faith to allow growth

* Colossians 1:23

* Colossians 2:7

* 1 Corinthians 3:1-2

* Hebrews 5:12-14

* John 8:24

* Hebrews 11:6



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* Faith defined:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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A whole-hearted acceptance of
Christ and His way.

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- * **Only one faith**
 - * Ephesians 4:4-6
 - * Romans 10:17
 - * 2 Timothy 2:15
 - * Hosea 4:6



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* Various degrees of faith

* Little faith

* Matthew 8:26

* Great faith

* Matthew 8:10

* Strong faith

* Romans 4:20



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* Various degrees of faith

* Weak faith

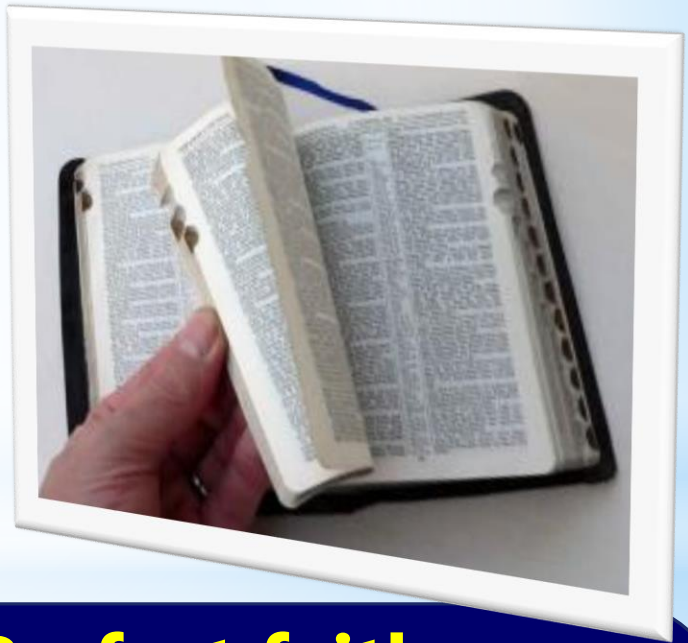
* Romans 14:1

* Active faith

* James 2:14-18

* Dead faith

* James 2:26



Perfect faith

James 2:21-22

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* Value of one faith

* Saves us

* Hebrews 10:39

* Purifies the heart

* Acts 15:9

* Sanctifies

* Acts 26:18



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- * **Value of one faith**
 - * **Justifies**
 - * Romans 5:8
 - * **Brings the crown of life**
 - * Revelation 2:10



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* **How does the church grow by faith?**

* **Regular attendance**

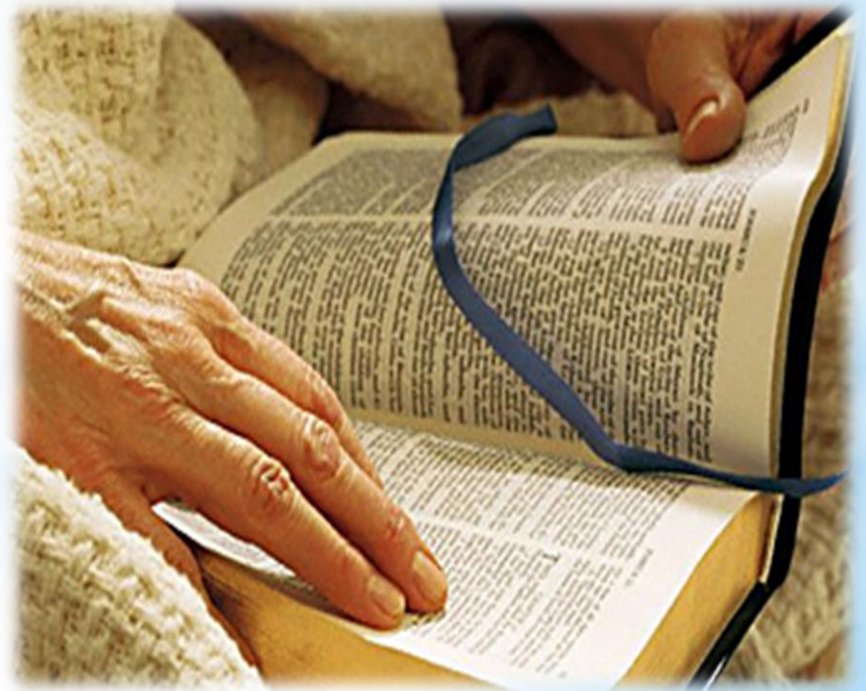
* Hebrews 10:25

* **Praying for others**

* 1 Timothy 2:1-8

* **Liberal giving**

* 1 Corinthians 16:2



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* **How does the church grow by faith?**

* **Zealous teaching**

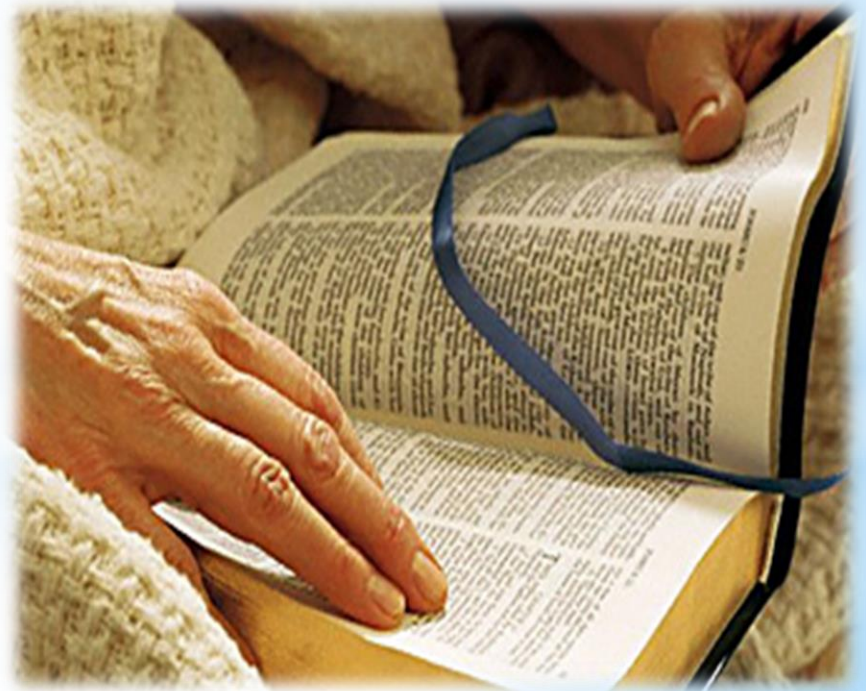
* 2 Timothy 4:2

* **Lights shining**

* Matthew 5:16

* **Seeking God first**

* Matthew 6:33



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* **How does the church grow by faith?**

* **Searching the scriptures**

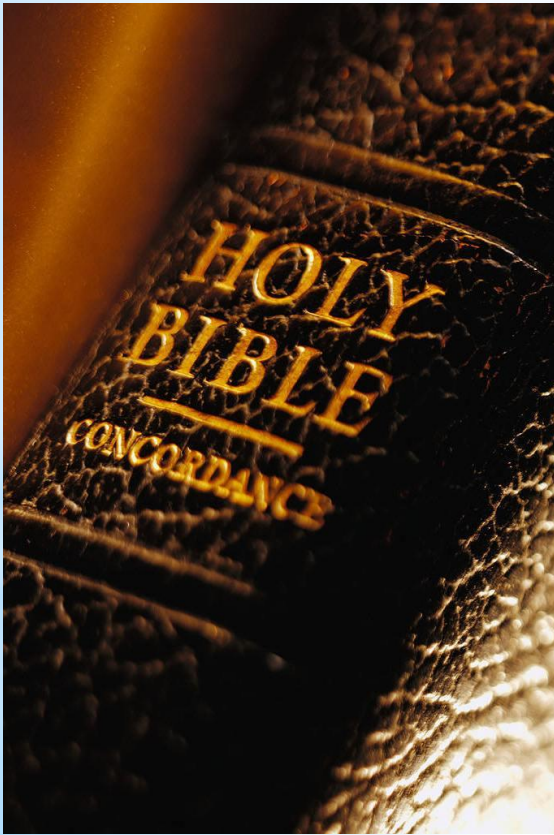
These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

Acts 17:11



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As members grow in **faith**, the church can grow in members

How's Your Faith?

Is it helping or hindering the church from growing?