

## Solution to Study 0014

- [A] Using the scripture references provided, please state whether or not the statements below are true or false.
- (1) Faith comes by the hearing of the word of God which is preached. (**Romans 10:17**)  
**TRUE**
  - (2) Faith is something that you have to focus on to have. (**Ephesians 2:8-9**) **FALSE**
  - (3) Faith simply is, believing what God says. (**Romans 4:3-5**) **TRUE**
  - (4) You cannot truly trust or have confidence in God, as long as you are trusting in someone or something else (**Proverbs 3:5-6**) **TRUE**
  - (5) Righteousness can come from other means including faith (**Romans 4:3-5**) **FALSE**
  - (6) In the final analysis, faith is faith only when all you are holding on to is God and His word (**Romans 4:17-22**) **TRUE**
  - (7) Since God gave me intellect, He expects me to use it, so faith does not mean that I don't use my intellect (**Proverbs 3:5-6**) **FALSE**
  - (8) It is true that salvation is by faith, but it can also be by other means. (**Ephesians 2:8**)  
**FALSE**
  - (9) There is only one way to please God, and that is through faith (**Hebrews 11:6**) **TRUE**
- [B] Why should your faith be toward God?
- (1) **Romans 5:6-8.** *Because He gave up His Only Begotten Son for me.*
  - (2) **John 1:1-3.** *Because He created all things, including me.*
  - (3) **Hebrews 11:2.** *Because that is how God approves of me*
  - (4) **Hebrews 11:6.** *Because that is the only way to please God.*
  - (5) **1 Peter 5:7.** *Because He cares for me.*
  - (6) **Proverbs 11:28.** *Because if I trust in riches I will fall.*
  - (7) **Psalms 33:16-17; Proverbs 21:31.** *Because trusting in military might, political power, etc., is vain.*
  - (8) **Proverbs 18:10-11.** *Because there is no safety or security in wealth.*
- [C] What are the things that can weaken or kill the faith of a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ? The scriptures below will give you clues; find them and note them.  
**Romans 4:17-22; Proverbs 3:5-6; Mark 5:35-36; 2 Kings 7:1-2; Matthew 14:27-31; 6:25-30; Zechariah 4:6; 1 Timothy 6:10**
- *Unbelief*
  - *Our present unpleasant situation*
  - *Science*
  - *Reasoning*
  - *Fear*
  - *Experts*
  - *Wanting to make sense of things*
  - *Sight*
  - *Doubt*
  - *Worry/Anxiety*
  - *Natural abilities*
  - *Might—Military prowess*

- *The love of money—Covetousness*

The following are not from the scriptures above, but they nonetheless, weaken/kill faith in us:

- *Feelings*
- *False teachings*
- *Historical antecedents*
- *Disobedience*
- *Impatience*
- *Sin*

[D] How do we grow in faith toward God?

- 1) **Joshua 2:1-21.** *Hearing about the experience of others with God*
- 2) **Luke 1: 30-55.** *Seeing first-hand, what God has done for others*
- 3) **Acts 27:9-32; Joshua 4:1-7, 20-23.** *Recounting past experiences of God's faithfulness in our lives*
- 4) **Matthew 17:19-21; Jude 20.** *Praying in the Holy Ghost, with fasting*
- 5) **1 John 1:1-3; Hebrews 10:25.** *Having fellowship with those who have first-hand experience with God*
- 6) **Hebrews 11:6b; John 4:19-22.** *Knowing God in an intimate way through personal encounters with Him*

## CONCLUSION

- If your faith is to be toward God, you must cease from believing/trusting any other.
- We can trust God because He gave up His Only Begotten Son, Jesus, for us, He created us, He cares for us, and if we trust in any other, we will be disappointed, to mention a few.
- The following are some of the things that weaken or kill our faith in God: fear, doubt, worry/anxiety, reasoning, and our present unpleasant situation.
- To grow in faith toward God, some important ingredients are: listening to the testimonies of others, witnessing what God has done in the lives of others, praying in the Holy Ghost with fasting, and knowing God in a personal and intimate way, to mention a few.