

Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”



There are three key thoughts in this verse: **Faith, Hearing and the Word of God.**

FAITH

Hebrews 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Hebrews 4:2, “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

How is your walk of faith? Do you please God?

Romans 1:17, “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

Real living can only be found walking in faith. Without faith, you walk alone never enjoying the security and serenity of holding the Father’s hand.



Colossians 1:3-4, “We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,”

What does your walk of faith speak about you? Do others give thanks for your testimony?

HEARING

1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

Ecclesiastes 5:1, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

1 Peter 2:1-2, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

Luke 11:28, "But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."

Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Before heading into church, determine to have the right attitude. Satan's goal is to have your heart and mind so distracted that you tune out the Word preached. These distractions cause you to bring nothing into the house of God wherewith you may encourage others and you take nothing home with you to help you fight your daily battle.

WORD

John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Acts 17:10-12, "And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few."

If God was to send our parents a report card showing how well we have been searching and studying His Word, what grade would you get? If we take notes in class, memorize dates and formulas and study so that we receive a good grade, why don't we put forth the same effort when it comes to the Word of God?

1 Peter 1:23-25, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Jeremiah 23:29, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The devil knows the Word of God has the power to transform lives. That is why he fights so hard to keep us out of the Word, from taking time to study and memorize scripture.

Romans 10:2-3, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

Many walk and talk the 'right way', yet it is only a façade. The Word of God says they are fake Christians because they know not the scriptures. What does your scripture knowledge and zeal of God speak about you?