

Have Faith in Jesus; Proof will likely come too late!

Introduction

Have you ever wondered if one could quantify levels of faith/ believing, and if so what would the range of quantifying numbers look like? And also what would be the number representing absence of that belief (which would be lack of faith) for whatever level one is functioning?

Now, in this day and time I am convinced it is very important to understand what is meant when one says, "I believe"; and/ or express their faith, because there are so many variations of what individuals believes in, and have faith about!

Therefore, my meaning on this subject is, trusting God: *believing the Word of God (the Judeo-Christian Bible, the Scriptures), exclusively; having faith in God, for redemption bought by the blood of Jesus, and every other benefit that is included with that redemption, "because the Word of God says so". I believe this is the faith which pleases God, and acted upon by the Holy Spirit, in the believer's behalf to bring to pass the promises of God for the believer.*

The Stages of Faith, and Believing

I do not know of anyone attempting to quantify levels of faith, but in the Gospels, Jesus provided expressions that help us make comparison of what would be considered, "little faith", "great faith", "mustard seed size faith", and "all things possible through faith". Paul the Apostle also made us aware of the fact that God has given everyone born into the world, "the measure of faith". And in my mind this means everyone has faith enough to receive teaching that will result in being, "born again" unto salvation in Christ Jesus. All one need do is, "believe for salvation in Christ Jesus" and act upon it by confession!

Little faith

[Mat 6:30](#) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

[Mat 8:26](#) And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

[Mat 14:31](#) And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

[Mat 16:8](#) Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

[Luk 12:28](#) If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Great faith

[Mat 8:10](#) When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Mat 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, **O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.** And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Luk 7:9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, **I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

Mustard Seed Size faith

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

Luk 17:6 And the Lord said, **If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.**

All Things Possibilities through faith

Mar 9:23 Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**

The Measure of faith (a basic created attribute of the human race)

Rom 12:3 For I say, through **the** grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think **of himself** more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the measure of faith.**

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in **the unity of the faith,** and **of the knowledge of the Son of God,** unto a perfect man, unto **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **(faith)** not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works **(your might, or activity of will)**, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them **(good works, created in Christ Jesus).**

Yes, God has ordained these things, but a large portion of the human race remain unbelieving and therefore, “disobedient”!

Where is Your Faith, and Believing, “Centered”?

Again, we must visit the question of “what, and who our believing is unto”; or having faith in?

Is it in, or about salvation through your denomination, and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is just one part of the many parts requires; is it in your pastor, or spiritual leader; is it in what you, or someone else can prove or disprove about God; is it in the good work(s) that you are able to perform in behalf of, or for God; is it in one’s, “alleged”, good and perfect behavior to please God in the face of adversity, and on and on, and, etc ...? ***(I am persuaded that these are not to be the focus of our faith, or believing to please God, but***

the following verses of scriptures shows us where we must begin, and continue putting our faith, our believing!):

[Psa 111:10](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever (*and his commandments for this dispensation are fulfilled as described according to Matthew 17:5; Acts 3:22; Acts 7:37; John 3:16,*

[Mat 17:5](#) While he (*Peter*) yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

[Act 3:22](#) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

[Act 7:37](#) This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

[Joh 3:16](#) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

... And every other scriptures that express the wisdom of God to deliver the human race from trying to destroy itself. Ultimately, God offers eternal life because of his love and mercy through the finished work/ shed blood of Christ Jesus on the cross, alone).

[Pro 1:7](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

[Pro 9:10](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

[Heb 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.

[Rom 10:9](#) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

[Rom 10:10](#) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

[Joh 3:16](#) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

[Joh 3:17](#) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

[Joh 3:18](#) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

So, where is the Level of Your Faith, Your Believing?

Little Faith

This level of faith seem to be associated with doubting whether God provides for all our daily basic needs and safety, even though we may consider ourselves secure in eternal

salvation through Christ Jesus. Yes, I know; sounds a bit out of place, huh! But I am sure most of us have been there, and likely have remained there in one respects or another. In other words our faith for this part of our living seems to be filled with potholes of doubt. If we could visualize this level of faith, it would perhaps remind us of Swiss cheese; the holes being areas of doubt.

Consider Peter's effort to walk to Jesus on water in Matthew 14:28 through 14:31. Peter began to walk on the water until he encountered one of those potholes of doubt in his faith! But I do not ridicule Peter, or anyone else for that matter. I applaud Peter because he had courage and faith enough (or acted upon his faith) to make the attempt.

Great Faith

It seems "great faith" includes, not accepting "no" for an answer because one is convinced the victory is available from God, the Master. And one is willing to hold to that conviction, without considering what the obstacle(s) may be. Consider the Gentile woman whose daughter needed healing in Matthew 15:21 through 15:28:

At her first attempt Jesus said nothing, and seemingly ignored her until his disciples besought him to send her away. Then Jesus said to her, that he is come but for the benefit of Israel (meaning, you are a Gentile, and I have nothing for you). But then in Matthew 15:25 the Gentile woman really turned on the charm, and "worshiped Jesus"; saying, Lord help me.

Then Jesus answered again and said, it is not right to take the children's (*Israel's*) bread and throw it to Gentile dogs.

I just love how the Gentile woman responded to this in "Great Faith":

Mat 15:27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Mat 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, **O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.** And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Part of the lesson here is that the Gentile woman had faith in who Jesus is and what he could do, and she never wavered in her request. It did not matter to her that she was not of Israel, and was considered to be a dog. She knew her master to be Jesus, and she held to her conviction in faith, upon Jesus.

Mustard Seed Size Faith

I think of this level of faith as proven, compacted, unwavering, uncontaminated faith; Faith that is absent of any doubt of what God can and will do. And it is small in physical terms only, but not in ability and what it accomplishes with help of the Holy Spirit. I believe Paul the Apostle might also consider this to be the "Shield of Faith"; impenetrable! And also, perhaps, the level of faith that would be required to accomplish Zechariah 4:6:

Zec 4:6 Then he (*the angel that talked with Zechariah*) answered and spake unto me (*Zechariah*), saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might (*carnal means*), nor by power (*carnal means*), but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. (*The regeneration of Judah of Israel/ Southern Kingdom after the Babylonian captivity came by this work of the Holy Spirit*)

All Things Possible Through Faith

Nothing is impossible before the face of this level of faith! It believes all things are possible with God, and does not need to see, hear, or understand. It reminds me of “Mustard Seed Size Faith”; only bigger.

The Measure of Faith, and “no faith”

Well we know that everyone has, “The Measure of Faith” because it was given of God when we were born into the world. But we also understand that everyone has not acted upon this level of faith to be “born again” in Christ Jesus, unto eternal life. If that were so, then there would be no atheists, agnostics, those practicing idol worship, folks that do not want to be bothered with Jesus, or just do not care about that God stuff, etc. ... Remember, we should be concerned with the kind of faith that pleases the God of Creation, who is the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is only one!

Perhaps, like me, you have wondered what constitute, “no faith”, because there are references in scripture to, “no faith” and “without faith”!

Although I have no specific scripture for this, I would suppose “no faith” is when one does not, or can not, act upon even “the measure of faith” given of God, because of such deep corruption(s) and/ or long time rejection(s) of God (or having never acted on the faith they were already given)? Thus, much interaction with true Holy Ghost filled saints of God would be required to revive even “the measure of faith” again?

Like the “Old Oak Tree” fully grown in its wrong behavior; almost impossible to receive correction. But is anything too hard for the LORD?

Jesus the Prophet, Messiah, Son of God, sent of his Father; and the Living God

There are those that say of Jesus in his 3 ½ years of ministry, “Oh yes! Jesus was definitely a prophet” but then selectively believe and declare which of his prophetic duties are true! If he is indeed a prophet, then all of his prophetic duties are true by definition of a “prophet”!

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.** (As a prophet, he just confirmed himself to be God. Read Exodus 3:14!)

Exo 3:14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me (*Moses*) unto you.

The high priest questioned Jesus

Mat 26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the **living God**, that thou tell us whether thou be the **Christ**, the **Son of God**. (The high priest knew that when he asked Jesus in this manner, “I adjure thee by the living God” which ever answer Jesus gave, “Yes, or No” condemned him to be no more threat to him. Therefore, I believe the high priest considered he had triumphed over Jesus! But we also know today the high priest, “miscalculated”!

Mat 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless (or even thou you do not believe it) I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

Mat 26:65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. (*Why do you suppose the high priest tried to shred his clothes? It is because he chose not to believe in spite of the miracles he knew Jesus did, and he was perhaps witnessed to some himself. The high priest renting his clothes was customary behavior to demonstrate his disdain for what he considered the blasphemy of Jesus, claiming to be God.*)

*Faith in the Word of God Allow Us to See His Plan & Purpose; He **Sent** Us Answers*

While some may consider being on the wrong side of history regrettable; being on the wrong side of history and God is something one can not ever overcome!

Mat 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth **me**, and he that receiveth **me** receiveth him that **sent me**.

Mar 9:37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth **me**: and whosoever shall receive **me**, receiveth not **me**, but him that **sent me**.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon **me**, because he hath anointed **me** to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath **sent me** to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luk 9:48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child (*any child, born or unburned*) in my name receiveth **me**: and whosoever shall receive **me** receiveth him that **sent me**: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great (*in my mind, it sure seems the unborn is the least among the human race. One can not say it is not human and expect such a statement pleases God*).

Luk 10:16 He that heareth you heareth **me**; and he that despiseth you despiseth **me**; and he that despiseth **me** despiseth him that **sent me**.

Joh 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that **sent me**, and to finish his work.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that **sent me**, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath **sent me**.

Joh 5:36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given **me** to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of **me**, that the Father hath **sent me**.

Joh 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath **sent me**, hath borne witness of **me**. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that **sent me**.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath **sent me**, that of all which he hath given **me** I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that **sent me**, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to **me**, except the Father which hath **sent me** draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath **sent me**, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth **me**, even he shall live by **me**.

Joh 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that **sent me**.

Joh 7:28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know **me**, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that **sent me** is true, whom ye know not.

Joh 7:29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath **sent me**.

Joh 7:33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and *then* I go unto him that **sent me**.

Joh 8:16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that **sent me**.

Joh 8:18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that **sent me** beareth witness of **me**.

Joh 8:26 I have many things to say and to judge (*instruct*) of you: but he that **sent me** is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

Joh 8:29 And he that **sent me** is with **me**: the Father hath not left **me** alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Joh 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love **me**: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he **sent me**.

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that **sent me**, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Joh 11:42 And I knew that thou (*Father*) hearest **me** always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast **sent me**.

Joh 12:44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on **me**, believeth not on **me**, but on him that **sent me**.

Joh 12:45 And he that seeth **me** seeth him that **sent me**.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which **sent me**, he gave **me** a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

Joh 13:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth **me**; and he that receiveth **me** receiveth him that **sent me**.

Joh 14:24 He that loveth **me** not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which **sent me**.

Joh 15:21 But all these things will they do unto (*against*) you for my name's sake, because they know not him that **sent me**.

Joh 16:5 But now I go my way to him that **sent me**; and none of you asketh **me**, Whither goest thou?

Joh 17:18 As thou (*Father*) hast **sent me** into the world, even so have I also **sent** them (*my disciples*) into the world.

Joh 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men (*disciples, followers*) which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Joh 17:7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

Joh 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them (*my disciples out from the world*), as thou hast loved me.

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these (*my disciples*) have known that thou hast sent me.

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

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