

Bible, Lesson 18 notes

- Faith is belief and trust. Christians place their faith in God.

Salvation is by grace, through faith.

- Grace is a free gift of God.

Faith involves commitment to follow Jesus.

- Believers are justified through faith, which means they are forgiven and reconciled to God on the basis of their trust in Him. They have a relationship with Him, and they experience peace and hope as well as assurance of eternal life.

- The book of Hebrews commends many heroes of the faith. These people led lives marked by trust in God and obedience to Him, even though they did not always understand why God asked them to do certain things.

- Many Old Testament heroes believed God's promises. Some of these promises were not fulfilled until many years later.

Faith comes through hearing and reading God's Word.

- Faith is necessary for people to receive salvation through Jesus. Faith is also essential in daily Christian living.

- Faith is demonstrated by action. Faith that does not include works is dead.

- It is not always easy to live by faith. Sometimes God calls Christians to take a risk to serve Him.

- God desires for Christians to grow in their faith. Christians can grow in their faith through prayer, Bible reading, going to church, worship, a time for daily devotion, and serving others.

J. Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China, lived by faith. Because of his faithful service, many Chinese people came to know Jesus as their Savior.