

NTF SUNDAY SCHOOL MANUAL

Topic:

HOW FAITH COMES: HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD

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Memory Verse:

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Introduction

Faith is not produced by human effort, emotions, or imagination. Faith comes through hearing the Word of God. However, the Word of God is not merely written information; the Word reveals Jesus Christ. To hear God's Word is to encounter Christ, believe Him, and respond in obedience.

Bible Reading

Colossians 1:13-23, Proverb 8: 20-36, 1Cor. 1:20-24, Col. 2:8-13, Rev. 1:8-11, John 8:56-58, John 10:9-10, Daniel 3: 25, Isaiah 43:2-3, Psalm 91, Isaiah 25, Proverbs 18:10, Phil. 2:9, Ephesians 1:21, Psalm 103, Mal. 4:2, 1Peter 2:24, Osalm 107:20, Isaiah 46:2, Jer. 23:6, 1Cor. 1:30, Romans 3:22, Pholl. 2:9, Isaiah 45:24, 1Uohn 2:1,

Discussion Questions

1. According to Romans 10:17, how does faith come?
2. Why must we see Jesus in Scripture to properly understand God's Word?
3. What is the relationship between hearing, believing, and obedience?
4. Why is Abraham considered the father of faith?
5. What lessons can we learn from the parable of the sower?
6. How has the revelation of God's Word shaped your life?
7. What attitude should believers have when studying Scripture?

Lesson Outline

1. Faith Begins With Hearing

Romans 10:17

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Faith requires a source. Nobody believes without first hearing something. What we believe is determined by what we hear and the authority behind what we hear.

1 Corinthians 2:16 (KJV)

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

2. The Word of God Is Christ

John 1:1 (KJV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Jesus is the living Word revealed to mankind.

John 1:14

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."

Colossians 1:15

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."

3. Hearing Produces Belief, Belief Produces Obedience

Belief is always connected to something heard.

Hebrews 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please him..."

4. Abraham: A Picture of Faith Through Hearing

Genesis 12:1-4

God spoke to Abraham, and Abraham obeyed by leaving his country.

Genesis 22:1-18

Abraham trusted God's voice even when asked to offer Isaac.

Romans 4:20-21

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith..."

5. Receiving the Word: The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:3-23

The same seed was scattered, but different hearts produced different results.

Matthew 13:23

"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it..."

6. The Mystery of the Kingdom Revealed Through Christ

Matthew 13:11

"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven..."

Luke 24:45

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

7. Studying the Word to Know Christ

John 5:39

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

2 Timothy 2:15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God..."

Joshua 1:8

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night..."

8. The Word Gives Life and Power

John 6:63

"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword..."

Conclusion

Faith is produced when we hear God's Word and recognize Jesus Christ as the revelation of that Word. The more we know Christ, the more our faith grows. Hearing must lead to believing, and believing must produce obedience.

Philippians 3:10

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings..."

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