

## The Fruit of the Spirit Faithfulness

**How has your week been so far?**

**Is there any Spiritual struggles we can help someone with?**

**Is believing the same thing as faith?**

**Why is it hard for someone to have faith in God?**

**Why are we tempted to add to faith our own works?**

**Are there references to faith in the Old Testament? (Which one encourages you the most and why?)**

**Is having faith enough to save us?**

### **2 Corinthians 5:7**

\*Why is walking by sight so easy for us? (Humans)

\*Why is walking by faith so difficult for us?

\*Can you train yourself to walk not by what you see?

\*How have you handled the doubts which come when trusting in things you cannot see?

### **Romans 1:16-17**

\*What does the Apostle Paul mean by the righteousness of God?

\*What did the Apostle Paul mean from faith for faith?

\*When are the moments in your life when you tend to depend on your own righteousness?

\*How is the gospel the power of God?

### **Hebrews 11:6**

\*Why is faith necessary to please God?

\*What are the two things necessary to draw near to God? Do you have them?

\*What does it mean that something is rewarding?

\*Why do many Christ believers not pursue God but other things? Explain.

### **1 John 5:1-5**

\*Who is born of God?

\*What does the word "born" mean in this context?

\*What does verse 1 tell us about the relationship between loving God and loving others?

\*In what way do believers conquer the world?

- \*Is this a solicitation to fight a holy war like the Muslims do?
- \*How does a believer conquer the world?
- \*How can faith accomplish this?
- \*Considering the fact that the world has never been primarily Christian and that even now it seems to be growing more sinful, how can this verse be understood?

## **2 Peter 1:1-9**

- \*How does he describe himself in his greeting? Why is this important?
- \*What does the phrase “those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours” mean?
- \*Who does the pronoun “ours” refer to here?
- \*What does this statement tell us about the position of everyday believers in God’s family?
- \*How does one increase in grace and peace?
- \*What does verse 3 tell us about the source of living a godly and successful life?
- \*It says that He granted these things to us. Specifically, how do we obtain them, or how do we get or find them?
- \*Where else do people turn to for these things that pertain to life? How are these sources of wisdom or strength lacking?
- \*What does it mean that he “called us to our own glory and excellence?”
- \*How can one become a “partaker of the divine nature?”
- \*What is the corruption that is in the world (verse 4)?
- \*If God has already granted us everything we need for a successful spiritual life, then how does making “every effort” fit into the equation?
- \*How does God’s work and our work fit together?
- \*Share some ways believers could make “every effort” to do the things described in verses 5-7.
- \*How are the qualities Peter mentions connected with faith?
- \*Share one specific way you will make an effort in one specific quality Peter mentions this week.

## **Ephesians 6:10-17**