



VERNON DAVIS MINISTRIES

Voice To The Nations

Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My Holy mountain! (Joël 2:1)

Newsletter

"For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."



Colossians 2:5-7 NKJV ([AMPC](#))

In our last letter we talked about the danger of falling away from the faith. Faith in God and Jesus Christ is essential for eternal salvation. But God has so much more in mind for us than just a superficial faith, at base level, to be (barely) saved. Throughout His entire Word we can see that it is His will and desire that we should believe in everything that He is and everything He says, in an increasingly deeper measure.

1 John 5:13 (NKJV): *"These things I have written to you **who believe** in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you **may continue to believe** in the name of the Son of God."*

The faith we may have in Him is very precious. And if we zealously keep striving to get to know Him better and receive everything He wants to give us to live according to His will, He can grant us entrance **abundantly** into His everlasting kingdom. (See 2 Peter 1:1-13; 1 Timothy 4:8-10.)

Now we may come to the Lord for all our provisions. But He has so much more for us than merely a temporary satisfaction. He wants to give us eternal life. Sometimes we do believe in what the Lord can give us in the present, in the tangible. But do we also really believe what He tells us about the future and the invisible? Do we believe EVERYTHING Gods says? If we

really believe in Him and know that eternal salvation and life is with HIM, then we will remain with Him. And then we can experience His presence, (wonderworking) power, comfort, etcetera, all the time, both in this life and in the life to come. (John 6:26-28, 39-40, 47, 63-69 and 3:33, 36 and 11:19-27, 37-45; Ephesians 3:12-21.)

Believing and hoping can be quite difficult. For it means trusting in something that is not there yet. (Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:24-25). But God is so gracious, merciful, good, patient, etcetera... that He is even willing to help us believe in Him! He wants us to get to know Him and believe everything He is, says and does. He reveals Himself; in creation, in His Word and by His Spirit. (Acts 17:27; Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 2:5, 9-12; John 7:17 and 16:13.)

Once we acknowledge that God exists, and are willing to believe that He is trustworthy, we will believe everything He says. Then He can also let us see and experience more and more of His truth in al His fullness; which will establish our faith in Him even more. (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 119:160; 2 Corinthians 1:18-20; Titus 1:2; James 1:17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; John 1:12, 16-18 and 4:39-42, 47-53 and 14:1-3, 15-17, 27-29.)

If we (re)turn to God, He can remove all the blindness and hardness from us and fill us with His Word. Our attitude is extremely important when it comes to that, which is not a one-time thing, but something we should keep in mind in our daily lives. (2 Corinthians 3:14-18 and 4:3-6; John 3:16-21; Luke 8:11-18; Psalm 1 and 119:18, 130; Luke 24:25-27, 32, 44-45.)

Because real, living faith is made complete by works. Once we have faith, that faith will also become, and remain, active. Real faith in God has perseverance and fruits, and is opposite to drawing back. (James 2:14-26; Hebrews 10:36-39.)

The Thessalonians are a good example. They received the Word and it was working in the believers. Not only did they hold on to their faith despite all kinds of

tribulations, but their faith and joy in the Lord were even increasing! But it did not stop there, for the apostle says that he hopes to come to them again to complete and “perfect what is lacking in your faith”. (1 Thessalonians 1 and 3:2-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4. See also Philippians 1:25.)

God is the one who has started a good work in us. And we can entrust to Him the work of His hands. He will finish the work of faith in us. (Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:22-24; 2 Thessalonians 1:11 and 2:12-17.)

Abraham, the “patriarch of faith”, also grew in his faith in God. He had believed in the Lord when He promised him a numerous offspring, and “He accounted it to him for righteousness.” But later God still found it necessary to test Abraham. And when Abraham acted in faith and obedience, God’s promises to him and his descendants were confirmed even more. (Genesis 15:1-6 and 22:1, 12-18; Romans 4:18-25.)

Let us also not doubt, or weaken in our faith, but rather continue building on the foundation of faith and be strengthened in it. (Hebrews 6:1-3, 11-12, 18-19 and 12:1-3.)

The fact that, in God’s Word, we are continually exhorted to abide in the faith, not give up or lose heart, etcetera, shows us that the fight of faith is not easy. But let us keep focusing on God. He takes care of us. He gives us what we need to engage in the fight of faith, and prevail in it unto life eternal. (Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Timothy 1:18-19 and 3:9 and 6:9-12, 17-21; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 John 2:14-17 and 4:4 and 5:3-5; 1 Peter 5:7-11.)

If we believe that God will (eventually) give us the victory, we should not give up hope when that victory still seems far off, or the battle (too) heavy. Let us not give in to doubt, but keep trusting in the Lord, even in our need. (Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 14:29-31; Habakkuk 3:17-19.)

Sometimes it is just because of difficult circumstances that we can grow stronger in the faith. We can see how God dealt with Israel, when He led them out of the bondage of Egypt, and again when He was about to give them the promised land, and also after that. Would they believe Him? Would they obey Him? Would they follow Him with their whole hearts? Would they give

Him the chance to show His power for their benefit? (Deuteronomy 8:(2-3,16); Judges 3:1-4; 2 Chronicles 16:7-9.)

Jesus also knew of His disciples that they already had faith in Him (John 6:69). But He still knew that the miracle of the resurrection of dead Lazarus would make them grow in the faith: “*I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe*” (John 11:14). He prayed for them, that their faith would not fail. (Luke 22:28, 31-32.) The Lord was continually working in them, in everything they went through - both the amazing signs and miracles and the persecutions - when they were with the Lord Jesus.

If we surround ourselves with (true) believers, that can also help us hold on to our faith; and also to keep walking in the obedience that belongs to it, no matter how difficult circumstances get. (Psalm 119:63, 74; Romans 1:8-12; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 19, 32-33; Acts 21:12-14; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.)

For we KNOW that the testing of our faith produces perseverance in us, leading to the salvation of our souls. The love of God and the Holy Spirit within us can accomplish that; if we allow that and surrender ourselves to Him with our whole hearts. And then we can already rejoice exceedingly. (Romans 5:1-5; 1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-21; James 1:2-8, 12 and 4:2-3 and 5:7-11.)

But if we are double-minded, our faith will eventually be overcome by doubt. Unbelief and fear are treacherous and sneaky, and contagious. Look at what happened to Israel when God wanted them to go and possess the promised land. The unbelief of a few melted the heart of all the people. But Joshua and Caleb did hold on to the Lord. (Numbers 13 & 14.) We have to decide to listen to the Word of the Lord, and not to the lies of the world and of the devil. The mind of the world is limited to the earthly, the natural; that will not encourage us to believe in a supernatural God. And the devil is evil and wants to do anything to discourage us. (Deuteronomy 20:3-4, 8; Job 1:21-22 and 2:9-10; 1 Samuel 30:(6); Nehemiah 4; 2 Corinthians 4:13-18.)

There is a spirit of fear and the spirit of faith. Whom do we listen to ? Whom do we WANT to listen to? Whatever we give our attention and energy to will gain

the upper hand in us. Either the flesh, unbelief, and the world; or the Holy Spirit, faith, and the Lord. (2 Timothy 1:5, 7, 12-14; Galatians 5:5-10, 16-25 and 6:7-9; Matthew 6:24; Romans 8:5.)

It is God's Word we need for a solid foundation in the faith. He has given us His Word, to keep it close to us. If we incline our ears and our hearts to His voice, He will teach us how we can finish the road of faith with perseverance into His Kingdom. And the more we come into contact with His Word, the more our faith can grow. (Romans 10:4-17 and 15:4; Luke 6:46-49.)

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

We would like to welcome all of you to follow the messages by attending our meetings, in person or online, and join us on our journeys through the Bible. And... make sure to bring your Bible with you, to test if the preaching is according to the Word of God (Acts 17:11).

International

Vernon has always gladly obeyed God's calling to go out into the whole world. We always ask God to show us where and when we have to go to preach His Word. We trust in His guidance.

The past year there have been no mission trips, but we thank God for modern technology, by which we can stay in contact with people and churches all over the world. This year, Vernon was able to share God's Word again in 'online meetings', with churches in Malaysia and Trinidad. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit know no boundaries.

The Netherlands

This year we held our own weekly meetings on Sundays. On Youtube we stream meetings that can be followed live every Friday and Sunday, and viewed later as well.

Several churches invited Vernon as guest speaker this year. It is always great to be able to share the love for God and His Word with others.

Now the year 2025 is around the corner. No matter what the times and seasons may bring, we rejoice in being able to continue serving the Lord, and we pray that you may have that joy of the Lord as well.

Your co-laborers in Christ,
Vernon & Ans & Christa

Agenda

On our website you will find where and when there will be meetings, under Agenda.

You can follow our meetings on Youtube every Friday at 19.30 h. and every Sunday at 10.30 h.:
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