

**Oxford Baptist Church – January 17, 2016. Pastor Robin W. Pifer**  
**Series: Basic Essentials – “Faith”**

**Faith is believing in**, trusting in and being fully persuaded to put our confidence in a person or thing. It involves Knowledge, Belief and Trust that directs us toward a life direction or orientation seeking to meet the desires or longings of our life.

**Basic Faith – Everyday trusting during our life.**

**Supernatural Faith – Gift of God. Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 11:1**

**Confused Faith**

*Idols /False Religion* – Lev 19:4; 1Sam 12:21; Ps 96:5; Jonah 2:8; 1John 5:21 – Personal Audit – Time, Money, Personal Effort

*False Prophets and Teachers* – Matt 7:15; Matt 24:24; 1John 4:1; Acts 17:11

*Knowledge or Facts, False Assumptions* – James 2:19

*Signs and Wonders* – John 4:48

*Believing Lies that Deceive – Wrong Information* – 2Thess 2:8-12

**Christ-Centred Faith** – John 1:12; John 3:5, 15-21; John 5:24; 6:29

- Faith in Jesus Christ has a starting point- Romans 10:9-10
  - Changes our orientation and eternal destiny.
- Faith in Jesus Christ Continues to grow – Gal 2:20 – Evidence - “The Successful Christian Life is a moment by moment yielding to the Holy Spirit.” 2Cor 5:7; Gal 5:25
  - The Holy Spirit is God’s Presence for us to grow daily.
  - Fruit of the Spirit is Evident – Gal 5:22-23
  - An Attitude that serves like Jesus – Phil 2:1-5
  - Wisdom and Knowledge of Jesus – 1Cor 2:16; Eph. 1:17
  - Healing in Jesus – Matt 8:17; Psalm 28:9
  - Build Your Faith (Word, Worship, Fellowship, Service) - Jude 1:20
  - Everyday Commandment (Luke 10:27)
  - Everyday Commission (Matt 28:18-20)

- Faith and Prayer in our sufferings – Phil 3:10; James 4:7-16

***True Life Changing Faith is believing in Jesus Christ.***

**Life Group Questions**

1. “Faith is believing in” assumes there is an object of our faith. How does the definition help you understand faith?
2. Give a couple of daily examples where we exercise basic faith.
3. Why is supernatural faith a gift of God and so different from basic faith? How does this relate to the common grace everyone receives and the supernatural grace we receive through faith in Jesus Christ?
4. Review and discuss the ways in which we can experience a confused or false faith. What area have you struggled with that has confused your walk of faith in Jesus Christ?
5. How can Jesus Christ along with our brothers and sisters in Christ help us through the confused parts of our faith?
6. What are the evidences of a Christ-Centred faith?
7. Do you have a Christ-Centered Faith?
8. Do you remember a point of time where you repented of your sin and trusted in Jesus Christ alone by faith to forgive your sin and give you his new life?
9. If not what is stopping you today from surrendering your life to the supernatural life of Jesus?
10. If you have trusted Christ what are two ways you have seen Jesus Christ working daily in your life recently?
11. Share one prayer request where you want to see the Lord working in your life daily. Pray for each other.

