

“By Faith We Understand”

Popular Assumptions

1. faith = fiction
2. faith = religion

To assume that religion deals **ONLY** with **FAITH** while practical life deals **ONLY** with **FACT** is to fall prey to a clever lie.

Reality! Faith and Fact are
so **intertwined** that both are
needed to accomplish the
most simple action.

Faith is **not theoretical**. It takes facts into account. Yet it pushes **past** known facts and inspires action and commitment! By faith we DESIRE! By faith we DO.

INTEGRATED Normal
(natural, common, daily) life
involves and **incorporates** faith.
AND faith **expresses** itself in the
actions/accomplishments
of daily life.



SEPARATED Though it incorporates facts, FAITH steps into a level of reality beyond fact to put the **motion** and **power** of God into play.



Even when fact **ACKNOWLEDGES**
God, only faith **TRUSTS** God.

Fact < understanding <
acceptance < possibility

Faith > understanding >
POSSIBILITY

Doubt sees the obstacles

Faith sees the way

Doubt sees the darksome night

Faith sees the DAY

Doubt dreads to take the step

Faith soars on high

Doubt whispers, “Who believes?”

Faith answers – “I”

But the natural man cannot receive these truths from God's Spirit. It is foolishness to them and they cannot understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things... "Who can know the thoughts of the Lord?"... But we can understand these things because we have the mind of Christ.

(1 Cor. 2:14-15)

NT words

- body (world of physical components
 - perception = senses
- intellect (world of mind/imagination
 - perception = study
- spirit (world of God's habitation)
 - perception = faith

Faith CHANGES things in the
present and the future!
By faith we UNDERSTAND.
And this understanding removes
fear and provides power!