## Teaching: "The case for faith"

Faith: it's not an option:

- Without faith *it is* impossible to please (?), Hebrews 11:6.
  - God is pleased with man, His creation, now /today.
  - Faith is our vehicle to acquire God's provisions.
- Faith, however is largely dependent on knowledge.

## Faith was not meant to be hard:

- Every man has the measure of faith, Romans 12:3.
  - Faith works by love, Galatians 5:6.
    Since God is love, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8 Faith then works by God.
    It is the faith that He has given us, His faith within us.
- Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith, Hebrews 12:2.
- Faith is a fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22
  - If we abide in the Vine, we will naturally bare faith.

Gospel examples: of great faith and little faith.

Great faith:

- Centurion's servant, Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10,
- Syro-phoenician woman, Matt 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30.

Jesus addressed His Disciples about their lack of faith:

- ye of little faith, how come no faith?, where is your faith? Matthew 8:26 Mark 4:40 Luke 8:25
- Ye of little faith, why reason ye?, Matthew 16:8.

Faith, God's faith will take us as far as we wish to go.

- If any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: behold, all things are become new, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:17.
- We have this treasure in earthen vessels, 2 Corinthians 4:7 We are made in the image of God the Creator of all, we have His Spirit living inside of us, and are bought with a price. Are we then going to put our earthy limitations on what God can do in us or through us?