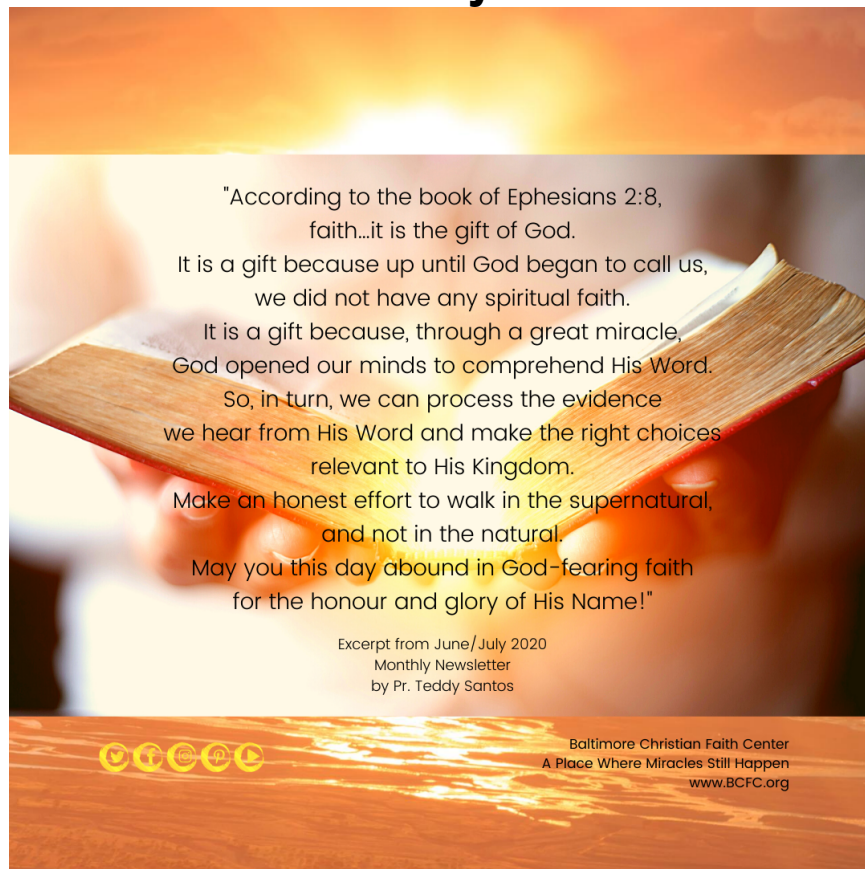


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2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Faith is the certainty we have in owning the things we desire for because of God's promises. Faithfulness is clinging unswervingly to God and His covenant. To be faithful, loyalty is required (steadfastly loving God), meticulous (careful in doing God's will), dedicated (fanatically dedicated to God), and truthful (true to God's Word and standard of righteousness).

There is a connection between eyesight and faith, solely in the effect that they have - one on the physical, the other on the spiritual. Nonetheless, in terms of 2Corinthians 5:7, eyesight and faith are opposites. Remember that **Hebrews 11:1** says that "faith is . . . the evidence of things not seen." Faith is the confidence of what we have heard but cannot see. "**Faith comes by hearing**" (**Romans 10:17**).

The term goes: "Seeing is believing." So, when a person sees something, they're convicted, and in their mind, they are inclined to what they have seen. In the day to day of the righteous, faith is the governing determinant that motivates their conduct. The importance of eyesight is valid in the physical realm, but in the spiritual realm, it means nothing.

Reflect on the nation of Israel back in the old testament. The Israelites witnessed many miracles in Egypt and in the wilderness, but they seem to have profited almost nothing out of it. They witnessed the Nile turn to blood. They saw the insects. They saw the frogs. They beheld the darkness. They saw the hailstorm. They saw the fire on the ground. They saw the murrain kill the cattle. They saw the death of the firstborn. They saw the parting of the Red Sea. They beheld the pillar of fire and the protective cloud. They witnessed water coming out of the rock. FOR FORTY YEARS, they saw mana on the ground! They saw it all!

Even still, what they observed did not influence their minds spiritually the least bit because eyesight means nearly nothing in terms of the spiritual. Faith is the assurance, the confidence, the substance, the foundation, of things not seen—the unseen realm of God. In terms of faith, what a person can see with their eyes is more likely to frighten them and create doubt than build faith!

According to the book of **Ephesians 2:8**, faith...*it is the gift of God*. It is a gift because up until God began to call us, we did not have any spiritual faith. It is a gift because, through a great miracle, God opened our minds to comprehend His Word. So, in turn, we can process the evidence we hear from His Word and make the right choices relevant to His Kingdom. Make an honest effort to walk in the supernatural, and not in the natural. May you this day abound in God-fearing faith for the honour and glory of His Name! God bless you!

At His service,
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