

Faith Casts Out Fear
Romans 15
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Thesis: I want to show how faith casts out fear.

Intro: 1. There are three degrees of faith: **Little faith (Mt 8:26)**, **Weak faith (Rom 14:1)**, **Dead faith (James 2:26)**.

I. Joy in Believing (Rom 15:13)

- A. God believing people are people of joy (**Acts 8:39**)
- B. Despite the disappointing things of the world; drugs, alcohol, etc – God’s people can face reality with God’s help.

II. There is Peace in Believing (Rom 15:13)

- A. The enemy of peace is fear.
 - 1. **“Fear not” – Mt 1:20, Lk 2:10, Mt 8:26**
- B. Frustration is an enemy of peace
 - 1. God will take care of His people (**Rom 8:28**)
 - 2. God will not forsake His people (**Ps 37:25**)

III. There is Hope in Believing (Rom 15:13)

- A. Hope has a power to enable God’s people to be eternally saved (**Rom 8:24**)
- B. Hope anchors the soul so God’s people can stand in the storms of life (**Heb 6:18-20**)
- C. Hope enables us to “see” the unseen (**2 Cor 4:16; 5:1**)
- D. Without faith there can be no hope because faith is the substance of hope (**Heb 11:1**)

IV. Lessons for Us Today

- A. There are blessings in believing.
- B. There are consequences of unbelief.
- C. Unbelief is evil (**Heb 3:12-13**)
- D. We have a reason to believe God’s word (**Rom 10:17**), and blessings available if we believe – joy, peace and hope.

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. Fear doesn’t have to be a part of the Christian life.
- 2. It’s are actions and lack of faith that allow it to be so.
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9