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FAITH IN GOD?

Have you ever had doubts regarding your faith in God? Have there been times, maybe at night when you remember some of your sins of commission or omission. These thoughts can raise the questions, am I a believer or how can God accept me?

I have come to realize these doubts and questions do not demonstrate a lack of faith. Instead they are opportunities to strengthen my faith. Many authors regarding the Christian faith state having doubts is a normal human occurrence. Grace Ruiters, one of these authors says doubt can be a catalyst for seeking reassurance of your faith. I find reassurance by reviewing Bible passages regarding faith. Hebrews 11, the chapter on faith gives a definition of faith. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." After reading and listening to Hebrews 1:1 my testimony is I am certain God sent Jesus to this earth. He lived and died on this earth and God raised him from the dead. This becomes my faith statement. Another passage is Romans 10:9, "That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." A great assurance confirmation of my faith.

Having doubts of your faith reminds me of a true story my father-in-law shared. He was an elder in his church for many years. He and the minister of the church responded to a call from an elderly member who was questioning her faith and salvation. They shared with her passages of scripture like the ones above. In addition, they shared with her the fruits of her faith. Now we all know our works do not save us however Ephesians 2:10 tells us, we are God's workmanship or his artwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. They reminded her of her visits to people who were

ill. Her willingness to provide meals to people in need. Her financial support of the church and mission programs. Assuring her these loving acts of compassion were a indicator of her faith.

This is a reminder for me as well. When I am engaged in service for others it is not a duty but a joy sharing God's love with them. Sharing God's love is manifested in many ways. It can be supporting the church along with its mission programs. Being concerned for our community and communities worldwide. It grieves me when poor people are denied food assistance, medical care and opportunities to live and work in this country.

Oh, regarding feelings of guilt for sins of commission and omission that I mentioned earlier, I do not make excuses or try to justify my behavior but rather believe Jesus paid it all.

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