

Faith towards God

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Second Foundation: "Faith" towards God - Heb.6:1

Trusting God

The Overcoming Secret

- **Jn.14:15**, If you love me, you will KEEP (fulfill) my commandments
 - It does not say you have to obey me to prove that you love me
 - When a person does not obey God, it does show that they don't love God
- The great realization: WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US - **1Jn.4:19**
 - We cannot love God or others if we don't believe that He loves us
 - We cannot obey God if we don't trust Him
 - If you don't trust God you will try to manipulate Him to do what you want
 - God's love for us is revealed in many ways, but it's clearly seen in the cross
 - **Lk.2:14** – GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN (it did not bring good will between men, just the opposite)
- **A decision you must make: PUT YOUR TRUST IN JESUS' DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION**

Our New Covenant Position

- **Ps.7:11** – God judges the righteous and God is angry with the wicked every day (OT)
 - What are you? Righteous or wicked – what determines that, your faith/beliefs or your works
 - **Rom.5:8-11** - God demonstrated His love toward us
 - JUSTIFIED = render innocent, RECONCILED = exchanged, saved, delivered, protected, ATONEMENT = exchange
 - It is more than having been made as we never sinned, He made us a new creature – **2Co.5:17**
 - **2Cor.5:21** –For God made Him who knew no sin to be sin that we may become the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD in Him
 - **Gal.3:13** – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law
- **1Jn.2:1-3** – Writing these things that you may sin not
 - PROPITIATION = satisfying (requirements for our sins and those of the world)
 - Jesus paid the price for everybody
 - Jesus accepted rejection that we may be ACCEPTED – Eph.1:6
 - **1Jn.4:10** – What God has done is true love

Questions to Consider

1. How is our love for God established?
2. Why do love and trust relate to each other?
3. What are the differences between Old and New Covenant?
4. What are the results of the New Covenant?
5. Why do people find it difficult to trust God?
6. Why do people get mad at God and how can that be resolved?
7. How can we make our love for God grow?