HOLY SPIRIT

PART 23: THE GIFT OF FAITH

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:7 - 10

Introduction

- We are currently looking at the group of spiritual gifts referred too as 'the gifts of demonstration'.
- This time we are looking at the gift simply referred to as 'faith.'

1 There Are 4 Different Types Of Faith

- (i) 'THE' Faith. [Jude vs 3].
- **THE** Faith means that body of Biblical truths that defines true Christianity.

(ii) Saving Faith. [Ephesians 2:8]

• The faith given by the Holy Spirit to us to exercise at conversion.

(iii) Faith For Everyday Christian Living. [Romans 12:3].

• Prayer: 'Lord, increase our faith.'

(iv) The Supernatural Faith That Is One Of The 9 Gifts.

- · The very faith Of God Himself.
- A mountain moving, on the spot, faith to believe God to do the impossible.
- The faith to believe for what is said to be 'impossible'.

2 Examples Of The Gift Of faith

- (i) The Case Of Noah. [Hebrews 11:7].
- No one has ever since been asked to do what Noah was told to do.
- Consider what he was told by God to do.
- Only he believed because God gave him this 'supernatural' faith to believe and see it through.

(ii) The Case Of Simon Peter.

- Consider [Matthew 14:22 33].
- Jesus told Peter to get out of the boat and walk on the water.
- To do the impossible Peter was given the gift of faith.
- NB. Until he took his eyes of the Lord.

(iii) The Case Of The Lame Man & Peter and John.

- Consider [Acts 3:1 10].
- Peter given the faith to believe for the impossible, that the man would be healed.
- Probably a 'word of knowledge' was given to Peter that the man was about to be healed.
- "Covet earnestly the best gifts."