

1 John 5:4 (KJV)

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

We are told in **Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)** *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

And Paul tells us in **2 Cor. 5:7 (KJV)** *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

And again in **2 Cor. 4:18 (KJV)** *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

In this case you might even say, “What you see is not what you get.”

We live by faith. We live by faith in God. We live by faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and our Savior.

Remember the meeting of Thomas and Jesus after the resurrection of Jesus. Thomas would not believe Jesus had risen from the dead until he as he said, *Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.*

Then, **John 20:29 (KJV)** *Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

It is hard to believe something that we have not seen for ourselves. It is hard for us to believe IN something that we have not seen for ourselves.

That is why we have a better understanding of Christmas than we have of Easter. It is easier for us to comprehend a small infant child than the fact that Jesus rose from the

dead.

In fact, I think it is easier for us to comprehend the Crucifixion than the Resurrection.

But we have to take the entire package. We do not have the option of picking one over the other. There is no cafeteria choice in our faith in Jesus Christ.

And I also feel that it is alright not to fully understand the fact of the Resurrection if we accept it by faith for we are told ***1 Cor. 2:5 (KJV)** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

All things are possible with God. Jesus told us that in ***Matthew 19:26 (KJV)** But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*

We know by faith that God raised Jesus from the dead. We believe by faith that Jesus rose from the dead.

Again, we hear ***Mark 9:23 (KJV)** Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

And Jesus tells us in ***John 5:24 (KJV)** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

The bottom line in all this is that we have to believe through faith that Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from our sins; that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for us; that Jesus Christ rose from the dead to destroy death and to give us the free gift of eternal life and that we have to accept Him as our ONLY Lord and ONLY Savior.

And we know that this is true because it is in Holy Scripture and Holy Scripture contains all things necessary for our salvation.

Paul tells us in **Romans 10:17** *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Although we may not understand all this intellectually, we can, by faith, believe all and every part and parcel of it. This is alright. This is not the wisdom of the world. It is the wisdom of God.

Remember what Paul tells us in **1 Cor. 3:19 (KJV)** *For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.*

We do not have to be wise, we just have to have the faith to believe.

Amen.