

# What is this precious faith?

- Faith is used in two senses:
  - Subjective – personal conviction or the trust one has in God (Heb. 11:1)
  - Objective (Gal. 1:23; Jude 3)

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- I believe it is used in the subjective sense here because:
  - When it is used in the objective sense, it usually has the article “the” before it.
  - The other use of “faith” is used in the subjective sense (2 Pet. 1:5)

# What is this precious faith?

- Based on evidence

- Peter appeals to two things:

- Testimony of eyewitnesses (2 Pet. 1:16-18)

- Example he uses (Matt. 17:1-9)

- Sure word of prophecy (2 Pet. 1:19-21)

# How does it come?

- "Obtained" How?

- Some say a gift (Eph. 2:8)

- What does the Bible say?

- Produced by hearing (Rom. 10:10)

- Produced by reading (Jno. 20:30-31)

- Every case of conversion - taught

# Why is it precious?

- Basis of Growth (2 Pet. 1:5-11)
- Move mountains (Matt. 17:20)
  - “And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Move from here to there. And it shall move. And nothing shall be impossible to you” (Matt. 17:20)

# Why is it precious?

- Basis of hope (2 Tim. 1:12)

- “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Tim. 1:12)

# Why is it precious?

- Brings final victory (1 Jno. 5:4)
  - “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 John 5:4)