

How Do We Walk by Faith?

2 Corinthians 5:1-8

**We Walk By Faith
When We Have
Knowledge**

When We Have Knowledge

- **Knowledge is necessary for faith.**
 - Do you believe in George Washington?
 - Would you heed a warning regarding the frozen lake?
 - There are many things we believe because someone else has shared the knowledge with us.

When We Have Knowledge

- **Bible knowledge is necessary to having Bible faith.**
 - Bible faith comes by hearing. *Rom 10:14-17*
 - Why the apostles preached. *1 Cor 1:18-24*

When We Have Knowledge

- Knowledge is necessary to walking by faith.
 - Knowledge gave Paul an expectation of a home reserved in heaven. **2 Cor 5:1-8**
 - Bible knowledge gives us this same assurance.

**We Walk By Faith
When We Are
Convinced**

When We Are Convinced

- **Before we can believe, we must first be convinced (persuaded).**
 - Paul & Barnabas persuaded many to continue in grace of God. ***Acts 13:43***
 - Paul persuaded Jews and Greeks. ***Acts 18:4***
 - Paul persuaded many not to worship false gods. ***Acts 19:26***

When We Are Convinced

- **Some people may not be persuaded.**
 - Felix was not persuaded. ***Acts 24:24-25***
 - Agrippa was not persuaded. ***Acts 26:28***

When We Are Convinced

- **Paul was convinced (persuaded) regarding eternity in heaven.**
 - He longed to put on his heavenly dwelling.
2 Cor 5:2
 - Paul groaned for his mortal to be “swallowed up by life.” ***2 Cor 5:4***
 - Paul was always of good courage.
2 Cor 5:6,8

We Walk By Faith When We Have A Goal

When We Have a Goal

- A person who is persuaded to believe the knowledge of God's word will likewise be persuaded of the need to be well pleasing to God.
- This can only come through reverence and righteousness. *Acts 10:34-35; Heb 12:28; 11:6*

When We Have a Goal

- Paul, in walking by faith, set the goal of being found well pleasing to God.
 - “. . . we make it our aim . . .” **2 Cor 5:9**
 - “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ . . .” **2 Cor 5:10-11a**

Conclusion

- **A Christian's walk begins with knowledge.**
- **Once he is persuaded by the knowledge, he obeys.**
- **He then continues to study, being persuaded to follow the goal of serving God and spending eternity in heaven.**