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*How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Rom 10:14)*



## WHAT DOES FAITH LOOK LIKE?

BY BILL POWELL

Faith is a big subject, but I want to talk about what it is, how you get it, and what it looks like. The Bible tells us it is impossible to please God without it. ***(Heb 11:6 NASB) And without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*** We all obviously want to please God, duh. Just what is faith? ***(Heb 11:1 NASB) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*** Well, how do you get faith? Faith is knowing him, and that we get from the Bible. Yes, we also know him by His creation. ***(Rom 1:20 NASB) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.***

Faith is not something you try to work up. It is what you have learned and know to be true. It is also not blind faith. Faith is the assurance that the one who made all things will finish what he started in you. ***(Php 1:6 NASB) For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*** If you want to have faith you have to study and get to know God.

You need to pray and open yourself to him. You also need to know who He is not. He is not a Genie to grant you wishes. He is always available and as you learn about Him you will begin to see His hand in your life. ***(Act 17:27 NASB) That they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; (Act 17:28) for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'***

What does faith look like? It looks like knowing and trusting. I have a little thing I play out in my head when I have a problem or if doubt creeps in on me. I say to myself, "Is there a God? Of course there is, I have no doubt. Is He sovereign? Absolutely. Does He know me and my situation? Of course." I know He is omniscient. Does He love me, yes. I say then to myself, "What's your problem?" That is what faith looks like

***(1Jn 4:10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.***

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## LIVING IN HARMONY

BY CHRISTINA HUTCHINSON

I don't know about you, but there is something fascinating about harmony. When listening to music I especially love when the vocalist are able to harmonize and make it sound naturally effortless. When we read about eternity and how we will be living in perfect harmony. It's almost hard to fathom. A perfect world where people have perfect intentions. We can be that little piece of heaven here on earth when we obey God's command in Colossians 3:14- And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

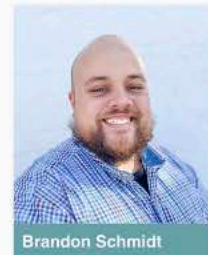
In Colossians 3:12-17, we are instructed to clothe ourselves in virtues like compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. We are called to bear with one another and forgive each other, just as the Lord forgave us. As we live out these virtues, we are to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. The passage teaches us that the Christian life is not just about personal piety, but about living in community with one another. We are to encourage each other, building one another up in love.



This passage is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of the gospel. As we put on the virtues of Christ, we become more like him and are able to reflect his love to the world. The passage challenges us to live out our faith in tangible ways, treating others with kindness, compassion, and humility. May we all be empowered by the Holy Spirit to put on the virtues of Christ and live out the gospel in our daily lives.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

COLOSSIANS 3:14 ESV



Brandon Schmidt

### WEEKDAYS

6:00am - 7:00am

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3:00pm - 6:00pm



Bobby Mitchell

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9:00am - 2:00pm



## TRIVIA THURSDAY

BY DENISHA STEARNS

Hey, how are you liking Trivia Thursdays with Brandon and Christina in the afternoon on WJLU? Bill Powell (our GM) and I think they are doing a smashing job, and we want to contribute to the fun. Ya'll are the FIRST to know of our idea for their next quiz- Are you ready?? It's: The Getting to Heaven Quiz. If you can answer seven out of the ten questions, you can be fairly certain that you will get to heaven when you die. I thought eight would be a better number, (you know, to be more reasonably certain about your heaven-boundedness), but Bill says seven is the number of PERFECTION...

OK, OK! Yes, I am just kidding. No one has ever gotten to heaven by passing a ten question quiz, as far as Scripture indicates. But here is what the Bible DOES say: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)... And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (Col 1:20)... Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (Jn 11:25).

This is a Scriptural shortlist, mind you. Want to read more of the gospel, the "good news" of Christ Jesus? The book of John in the Bible is great! See also What is the Gospel? on our website, or call us! And send us those ideas, or be a contestant for Trivia Thursday! Email Brandon at [brandon@wjlu.org](mailto:brandon@wjlu.org).



## TRUST IN JESUS

BY BRANDON SCHMIDT

When I was a kid, our family took summer vacations to Michigan to see family and friends. We used to drive from Daytona to Michigan every year. I remember many times driving late at night in heavy rain or thick, dense fog and sitting in the back where I could barely see in front of us. However, I was never worried when grandpa was driving. You see, my grandfather was a former truck driver, and he always knew where to go. I had confidence in him to get us safely to our destination, because he knew the way. The Bible says that Jesus is the Way to the Father. (John 14:6) Jesus knows the way to the Father, because He is the way to the Father. He knows how to get us safely through every obstacle, trial, temptation, and/or tragedy and deliver us safely home to our heavenly Father. No matter how dark the situation may appear, there is One who can see through it and deliver us perfectly. The question is, 'Do you trust Him to do that?' The Bible says that we must put our faith in Christ and in Him alone for salvation. We cannot rely on anything else. Remember He loved His people so much that He died for them in order to save them. (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8) Everything that happens in the life of the believer is there to test us to make us more like Christ. (James 1:3-4) So, do you trust Jesus even in the most difficult times and situations? I pray you do. If you ever need help with trusting Jesus, please call or email me, I would love to talk about it with you. You can reach me at 386-756-9094 or [brandon@wjlu.org](mailto:brandon@wjlu.org).

Also, I want to thank all of our businesses and the people who helped to donate so many wonderful things for our Summer Giveaway. It was truly amazing that we were able to receive so many things that blessed our prizewinners. Thank you once again to all of you who donated and blessed our listeners and helped make our Summer Giveaway such a huge success.

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We pray for this year's hurricane season. That it would be less active and less destructive. As fathers day approaches, we pray for all the fathers out there, that they may feel loved and appreciated. Please bless our families with health, happiness, and safety this summer. Guide us through any challenges we may face, and may we always remember to be grateful for the time we have with our loved ones. Amen.