

CHILD-LIKE FAITH

There are spiritual concepts that are hard for us to grasp. That's because God is God. His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. If we could understand everything about God, He wouldn't be God. That's why there are things in God's Word that we must just accept by faith, because we will never be able to fully grasp the whole concept - such as the Trinity. God tells us in Scripture that He is triune - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet He is one God. We have no earthly comparison to wrap our minds around. We must just take it on faith because God said it was so.

Children think concretely. When a child asks Jesus to come into his heart, he pictures a valentine shaped heart with a tiny door in it, with a tiny Jesus coming through the door. We adults know that this is not an accurate concept of salvation. There is no tiny door, and no tiny Jesus going in that door. But that is the only way a child's mind can conceive such a great spiritual concept as salvation. Does that mean that the child is not saved when he asks Jesus into his heart because his concept is too concrete? Absolutely not! He absolutely is saved and has eternal life even if his concept is concrete. He has salvation because he believed, to the greatest capacity that he was able to understand, and received by faith the Word that was shared with him.

If a child did what we as adults do, he would come up with questions such as, "How can there be a door in my heart? and "How can Jesus be tiny enough to fit in that door?". But he doesn't. He accepts by faith, to his fullest understanding, the Word of God.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:17 NIV

There are concepts about God that we as adults, even as mature Christians, find difficult to grasp. Does that mean we shouldn't receive all that God's Word says is ours to receive because we can't fully comprehend it? No, we need to come to God with child-like faith and accept and receive, to our fullest understanding, all that He has given and promised us in His Word. Then we need to trust Him to reveal more and more to us as we grow in our relationship with Him.

So don't fret about what you don't understand, but accept by faith and grow in those things God reveals to you in His Word. With child-like faith, receive, walk in, and obey those things God says you can have and can do in Him. He'll do the rest!