

NOVEMBER 11

## **“THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH AND ‘THE FAITH.’ ”**

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### **READ**

*Colossians 2:6-8, 1 Timothy 4:1-2*

There is a difference between faith and “the faith.” Faith is a gift from God that allows you to approach God and trust Him every day to supply all your needs. Faith is a relationship with the Lord that is indescribably wonderful; a package from heaven God plants into your heart so that you know who He is. What is “the faith?” The faith is that orthodox set of theological statements that declare who we are, who God is, and what Christianity is all about. It is rooted in the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostles, and the Prophets. The faith says that the Bible, out of which we live, is the infallible, inerrant, eternal Word of the true and living God. The faith says the Holy Bible teaches the same thing from beginning to end, even though it’s thousands of years old, compiled over centuries by 40 different writers. God has preserved His own Word, despite the weakness of man. There are no errors or mistakes. The faith says that the Trinity — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — are equal, perfectly combined and unified in effort, yet separate and distinct. The faith assures us that God came to earth, was crucified for our sins, rose to life, and is coming again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

### **PRAY**

As You have preserved Your Word all these years, I pray that You would preserve Your church by the power of the Holy Spirit in these last days. Preserve me. May I hold fast to the faith.

*From May 11, 2003*