

Faith and Obedience (**Unconditional love/Conditional Blessing**)

- Faith says, I believe in the Lord therefor, I am saved.
 - No Strings attached
- Obedience says, do this, and you will be rewarded.
 - I have a part in this.
 - God has a wonderful plan for your life, but in order to see that plan unfold, you are going to have to participate!

Matthew 7:24–27 24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

When You/Then God

Spiritual Maturity is directly related to the length of time between hearing the word of God and doing it.

Building one’s life on the Word of God will lead to peace, happiness and stability.

- Happy are the merciful, they will receive mercy.
- Happy are the pure in heart, they will see God.
- Happy are the peacemakers, they will be called sons of God

When You/Then God

John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”.

- The presence of peace indicates God's blessing on man's faith and obedience.
- One of the key benefits of following Jesus is internal peace despite external circumstances!