

FAKENESS AND FAITH

Matthew 21:17-22

And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there. 18 In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. 20 When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" 21 And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. 22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

To have faith in Christ, the fruit of faith is essential and possible because the Object of faith is awesome.

1. The Authenticity of Your Faith is Displayed in its Fruit.

Matthew 21:17-20, Jeremiah 8:12-13, 24:10-10, Micah 7:1-6, Hosea 2:11-12, 9:10-12

Why is it right for Jesus to expect that a fig tree with leaves should have fruit?

Why is the connection between faith and fruitfulness important?

What areas of life do you think are not fruitful compared to the normal expectation of a believer?

2. Fruit is a Powerful Working from the Object of Our Faith.

Matthew 21:21-22, 17:14-20, 12:33 Isaiah 54:10, James 2:14-19, Romans 3:28-31

How do you rightly define faith to ensure it does not sound like a magical power?

What ordinary things in the Christian life do you need to start defining as "spectacular?"

What ways can you describe that God has worked in your life through faith?

Church Announcements

- Sunday School Adults and Kids 9:45am.
Adults will be studying in Ezra and Nehemiah
- Home Bible Fellowships:
Wednesday night: 7pm The Hacker's home.
Thursday night: 7pm The Ham's home. (and on Zoom)
- August 8: 6pm. Combined Service at HPBC.

Special Request

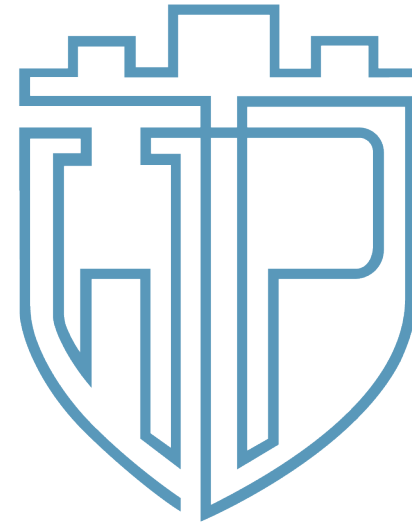
- Pray for our relocation.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for Eric and Chasity in recovery.
- Pray for our missionaries.

Giving Information

Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

Online Giving: Visit www.HPBaptist.org/give and click the "Give" button to setup an account on Planning Center.

Text Giving: Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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