

## *The Matter of Faith*

Study 1

### **Faith Begun Gloriously**

But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and **loved them even as you loved me.**

John 17:22, 23

...when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Thessalonians 1:10)

let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

*Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods*

Joshua 2:4

*And he (Stephen) said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,*

Acts 7:2

Calvin described faith as  
"The steady and certain knowledge that God is for us as Father."

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

"The LORD came from Sinai  
and **dawned** from Seir **upon us**;  
he shone forth from Mount Paran;  
he came from the ten thousands of holy ones,  
with flaming fire at his right hand.  
Yes, he loved his people,  
all his holy ones were in his hand;  
so they followed in your steps,  
receiving direction from you,  
when Moses commanded us a law,  
as a possession for the assembly of Jacob.  
Thus the LORD became king in Jeshurun (Israel)  
when the heads of the people were gathered,  
all the tribes of Israel together.

Deuteronomy 33:1-5