

Affirming Our Faith in Christ #28

Webster defines the word affirmation as a statement or act you repeat to yourself (or say to someone else) to build confidence, challenge thoughts, and focus on what you want to be true, “I can”. “I am” etc.

Bible, affirmation on the other hand means to declare something as true, to confirm or establish it, often involving confessing faith in God's promises, character, or the identity found in Christ, it uses words to build up believers and align their minds with Scripture, rather than self-promotion.

When a Christian uses affirmation to affirm their Faith in Christ, it becomes much more than just what they may believe, wish, hope or think on their own. When a Christian affirms their faith in Christ they are making a personal declaration of trust in Jesus as Lord, Savior, and their center of life. It means accepting God's love, in dying on the cross for their sins, believing in His resurrection from the grave, and turning away from their sins as they commit to following His ways over the world's. They then need to actively begin to live out this belief by having an active prayer life, reading the scripture, and having a daily, intentional obedience to the word of God.

How does a proper prayer life affirm our faith in Christ? The Christian knows that God creates, sustains, saves, rules, and loves. And they respond to this knowledge by praying and meditating in His word. Praying cultivates our relationship with God as it draws us closer to Him.

(1Thessalonians 5:17) Pray continuously.

(Philippians 4:6-7) Do not be anxious, about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your request to God.

(Jeremiah 29: 12-13) Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you".

How does daily scripture reading affirm our faith in Christ? Daily scripture provides peace, aids in resisting temptation, and fosters a deeper relationship with God by using Scripture to guide our hearts. Daily Scripture is the means by which believers trust God, seek wisdom, and express gratitude. Daily Scripture intake functions as spiritual food, helping the Christian to grow in faith and mature in their walk with God.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

(Colossians 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God

(Joshua 1:8) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

When Christians intentionally use these tools, we become more like Christ, and our relationship with Christ becomes better. Affirming our Faith in Christ is like a well-cared for flower, the more we water and give it the proper nourishments, the more it will blossom, flourish and grow. And we as Christians the

more we work on the things to enhance our relationship with Him after He has affirmed us the more, we grow to be more like Him.