

Bible Study 17 - What tools does the Holy Spirit use to work faith in me?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What was our natural condition when our life began? (v. 1)
2. Whom did we follow at that time? (v. 2)
3. What did we gratify at that time? (v. 3)
4. According to verse 3 we were objects of wrath. What does that mean we deserved? (Romans 6:23)
5. What did God do for us even while we were still dead in sin? (v. 5)
6. Write down the three words in verses 4 and 5 that are very similar in meaning and that give the reason why God did such a great thing for us, even though we were dead in sin and deserved wrath and punishment.
7. With whom were you seated when God raised you up from being dead in sin? (v. 6)
8. Where alone do we find the riches of God's grace and the expression of his kindness to us? (v. 7 - the answer is not a thing)
9. By what are we saved? (v. 8)
10. Through what are we saved? (v. 8)
11. Is this faith something we produce in ourselves? (v. 8)
12. How did faith and the salvation it brings come to you then? (v. 8)
13. What does God use to work faith in us so that he powerfully raises us up from deadness in sin to salvation for everyone who believes? (Romans 1:16)
14. Why don't we have any reason to boast that we have faith? (v. 8, 9)
15. God has made you alive in Christ by grace. You are a new creation through faith in Jesus. So what has God now prepared in advance for you to do as a new creation in Christ? (v. 10)