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Faith

Heb 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Introduction:

A.) Faith is really important since we know it is impossible to please God without it.

a.) No act of worship is acceptable without it.

FAITH (COMES FROM WITHIN) 1.) Feel right in your heart.

B.) Opinion ON WHO CHRIST IS

a.) Matt 16:13-14 pg 1032

1.) We have to take what the scriptures say - to the letter. We cannot change them to suit us or take someone-else's interpretation if it is scripturally wrong.

c.) Knowledge - By our senses.

a.) I John 1:1-3 pg 1296

1.) Christ was here when the world was created. He came to earth and left us the Word of life.

2.) John saw Christ as did the other apostles, and they in turn are telling others what they have seen and heard.

3.) We have not seen Christ - but we know him by reading and studying the books of the Bible.

a.) History lesson.

I.) Analysis of Faith

A.) What is it?

a.) Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

If you cannot see it, where does it come from?

B.) How is it produced?

a.) Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1.) How can you hear it if you do not listen?

2.) The Bible is the word of God.

a.) all of it, not just the scriptures you choose that suit you.

C.) Objects of Faith.

a.) John 4:39-42 pg 1124

1.) Some believed o[n] him that did not see him, others believed only after they hea[rd] him themselves.

b.) Col 1:3-5 pg 1250 ~~225~~

1.) These Colossians had not only the faith in Christ - They also had the love of the brethren.

II) Faith's Characteristics

A.) Obedience

a.) Rom 1:5 By whom we have recieved grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

CHRIST DIED 1.) Christ is the prime example of obedience.

b.) Rom 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

1.) The word is spread to all nations so that everyone may have the chance to hear and obey the word.

c.) James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall recieve the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

1.) Obedient until death.

JUST LIKE CHRIST → B.) Testimony produces it and it produces testimony.

a.) By personal contact.

1.) Matt 9:20-21 pg 1022

a.) She believed that all she had to do was touch ~~him~~ HIS CLOTHES.

1.) Faith to move mountains.

b.) By personal presence.

1.) John 11:21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

c.) By hearing word only.

1.) Matt 8:8-10 pg 1020-21 CENTURION

C.) When sufficiency manifest.

a.) Not in heart only.

1.) John 12:42-43 pg 1138

a.) Putting their love and fear of man before God.

b.) Not merely in words.

1.) Say and do not

a.) Try to be a good example to everyone in whom you come in contact with.

WHEN SUFFICIENCY MANIFEST

R.) Must be in actions.

1.) acts 11:21 and the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

a.) they heard the word, believed it and obeyed it.

2.) James 2:17-18, 26 pg1285

a.) You have to have faith, but it must be an active working faith.

III.) Faiths Results

A.) Salvation

a.) Rom 13:11 and that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

a.) Time is running out on us.

B.) Justification

a.) Rom 5:1-5 pg1195

a.) Peace in our lives when we have faith in Christ.

C.) Supports spiritual life

a.) Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

SHOW YOUR LOVE OF CHRIST

1.) live in faith here on earth - then after death - in heaven.

D.) Provides a mutual fellowship

a.) Rom 1:12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

1.) Gaining strength together by a mutual love - their faith in CHRIST.

E.) Keeps by Gods power

a.) I Pet 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1.) Even though the going may get rough here on earth - look toward the joys that await us in heaven if we are faithful.

F.) Protection from darts of evil

a.) Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

1.) The Bible will be your shield of protection.

BUT YOU HAVE TO PUT IT ON!

6.) Triumph over the world

a) I John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1) By putting our trust in Christ we will overcome the temptations that are in the world.

2) We are not going to be tempted above what we are able to resist - if we want to resist it.

Conclusion:

A.) Faith, like gold, must be tried to be relied upon.

B.) We must rely on God's truth and promises.

a.) Hope awaits your enjoyment - and love springs from this enjoyment.

b.) Are you enjoying this blessed hope?

c.) It is your duty to study the scriptures and believe, repent, confess Christ, and be baptized to be saved.

a.) Then be faithful to the end.