

**FAITH:
WHAT IT IS
AND
WHAT IT DOES**

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

I. Introduction

A. An important word in the Bible

- 1. Saved by faith**
- 2. Justified by faith**
- 3. Established in faith**

Colossians 2:7

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

- 4. Growing in faith**

2 Thessalonians 1:3

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

I. Introduction

B. Faith defined

- 1. The assurance of things hoped for**
- 2. The conviction of their reality**
- 3. Believing God to the point of action**
- 4. Favorable response to God's revelation**

Romans 4:20

**He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief;
but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**

HOW FAITH AFFECTS OUR LIVES

I. Faith Made Abel Worship God

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

I. Faith Made Abel Worship God

- A. We do not know many details about Abel's faith**
 - 1. We do not know just how much was revealed to him**
 - 2. We do know that Adam walked with God**

- B. We do know that his faith caused him to worship God**
 - 1. Picked the correct type of sacrifice**
 - 2. Brought it to the place of sacrifice**

I. Faith Made Abel Worship God

C. “Can’t I be saved and stay away from church”

1. No desire – Something wrong with that faith experience

2. Faith looks for opportunities to worship

Hebrews 11:21

By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

II. Faith Made Enoch Walk With God

Hebrews 11:5-6

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

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.

II. Faith Made Enoch Walk With God

A. He walked with God

Genesis 5:22-24

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

II. Faith Made Enoch Walk With God

B. How our walk will be changed if we trust in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Ephesians 4:23-24

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

II. Faith Made Enoch Walk With God

C. He pleased God

Proverbs 16:7

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

2 Timothy 2:4

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

HIS WALK OF
FAITH DELIVERED
HIM FROM DEATH

III. Faith Made Noah Work

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

III. Faith Made Noah Work

A. The tragic story of the decline of humanity into sin

Genesis 6:1-7

Matthew 24:37-39

37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

B. Grace triumphs: God will save Noah

Genesis 6:8

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

III. Faith Made Noah Work

C. But if God will save, there must be real faith that produces works

- 1. That completes a monumental task**
- 2. That fulfills God's plan**
- 3. That delivers others**

D. Faith will make us work today



III. Faith Made Noah Work

James 2:17-18

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Has Faith Begun In Your Life?

What Has Faith Changed In Your Life?

Where Are Faith's Evidences In Your Life?