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A STUDY IN HEBREWS



Anchored in Faith – Part 1

Hebrews 11

Verses 1-7

I FAITH'S DEFINITION – Verse 1 -3

A. Faith is the spiritual faculty of the soul that deals with the spiritual realities of the future and the unseen.

- We are in a time where we are going to need a lot more than _____ to get the job done.
- The unseen realm is rife with faith that obtains and moves forward into the future.
- Time is actually the main _____ in living a life of faith.

Paul says that if we hope for what we already see it is not hope: - Rom.8:24

B. Hope is the main ingredient in faith

- The hope that is _____ in Jesus Christ – our High Priest who has completed all things.
- The reality of that completion is the fuel that unlocks the unseen world
- “On earth as it is in heaven”

C. Communication

- Our _____ communicate with the world around us
- Our faith is the spiritual sense organ that communicates with the spiritual world

II FAITH'S TARGET

A. Trusting in the Word is the first step of faith

- We know it to be tried and true – has been working for centuries

B. Trust in the Word must lead to trust in the Person who spoke it

- In this case the _____ who spoke the Word is the full embodiment of the Word.

III FAITH'S EYES

A. The visible world is a temptation to forget the unseen realm

- The things of the world are a great distraction
- By faith we understand – everything we see was created from things no one could see – Rom.1:20

B. Faith sees God's Hand in _____

IV FAITH'S SACRIFICE – VS. 4

A. The first example of faith

- Abel's first fruit of faith was to _____

B. Sacrifice lies at the very root of the life of faith

- Sacrifice of the lamb and of the life of Abel
- By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice

C. Abel understood without the _____ there was no remission

- Abel found the relationship with God through the death of a lamb – a forerunner of faith

D. Faith draws near to God through sacrifice

- We enter boldly by the blood of our _____
- He has made a new and living way
- Our understanding of that pathway to relationship brings victory

E. Through the act of faith Abel still speaks –

- So the thing we need to see is the first example of faith of all the examples is one of sacrifice

F. Faith begins with the knowledge of Him as a _____

- It grows up into Christ the Head of all things

1. We are _____ to sin in Christ – Romans 6 and Colossians 3

2. Alive to God in 2 Cor.4

3. Bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus that His _____ may be manifested in us in Gal.2and 6

4. Being crucified with Christ and to the world in Phil.3

5. The way to life in the Spirit is death in the flesh – you cannot have both!

V FAITH'S WALK – Verses 5,6

A. After _____ follows the walk of faith

B. Three things we are taught about faith

1. The _____ of faith

- Faith is the spiritual sense where we recognize His Presence and Character

- Faith sees the Lord and that He is a Rewarder to those who seek Him

- Desire is the root of faith

2. The reward of faith:

- We were Created to have relationship with Him

- Faith is the _____ to God so that He can work His fullness in us.

3. Faith knows it pleases God

- The witness is in the outcome of pursuing God

- The veil is rent – the entrance is clear – the Throne accessible

VI FAITH'S WORK – Vs. 7

A. Faith has to do with the future and the _____

- Faith believes – and acts on that belief

B. Noah was moved with godly fear

- When we hear God's voice – do not wait – that is your direction

C. By faith Noah prepared an Ark

- He built against _____ that had never been seen

- He stayed the course until the manifestation

D. His household was saved

- He saved his family by faith

E. He condemned the world –

F. He became righteous by that faith

Next Week – The story of Abraham and Sara – a type of Joseph and Mary