

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week we began to look at the context and concept of the definition of faith. This is important because as we see throughout the New Testament and specifically here in Hebrews 10 and going into chapter 11, "The just shall live by faith."
- * We considered that True Faith is coming to God through the blood of Jesus and not works of the Law, and that True Faith is the Righteous Plan of God and an Act of His grace!
- * In Hebrews 11:1 we see the Biblical definition of faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is where what we consider abstract meets "reality." In this Biblical definition of faith, we see that Our Faith is the underpinning, or foundation, of that which we look toward. Our Faith is that which God uses to reprove others of practical matters (reality!) that is not visible to them.
- * Today, as we begin to consider the "evidence" for the "reality" laid out in chapter 11 we want to consider the Old Testament context of the statement "The just shall live by faith" found in Habakkuk.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE EXPLANATION OF FAITH ... Faith Is ...

A. The Context: Faith IS The New and Living Way! (cf. Hebrews 10:4, 12-14, 19-20, 35-38)

1. FAITH IS COMING TO GOD THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS AND NOT WORKS OF THE LAW (cf. Gal 3:3-7, 11-12)
2. FAITH IS THE RIGHTEOUS PLAN OF GOD AND AN ACT OF HIS GRACE (cf. Romans 3:21-28)

B. The Concept: Faith IS Where Abstract meets Reality! (cf. James 2:14-26)

1. FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR
 - * substance (υποστασις - beneath a standing ... the support; substance, or confidence) ... cf. Hebrews 1:3; 3:14
 - * It is *THE THING* that you are *RELYING UPON* ... You are entrusting your very eternal being on it!!
2. FAITH IS THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN
 - * evidence (ελεγχος - proof, confidence, reproof); cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 18:15; John 3:19-20; 8:9; 16:8;
 - * of things not seen ... "things" (πραγμα - practical matters/affairs); Hebrews 10:1; 1 Corinthians 6:1

II. THE EVIDENCE OF FAITH

A. By Faith T _____ (v. 2; cf. Proverbs 27:21)

B. By Faith W _____ (v. 3; cf. Genesis 1)

1. WE CAN COMPREHEND CREATION THROUGH OBSERVATION (cf. Romans 1:18-21; 2 Peter 3:3-6)
2. THE DOCTRINE OF CREATION
 - a. God Created The World Through His Word ... He Spoke Into Existence The Knitting of the World
 - b. God Created The World Out of That Which Was Not Visible

C. By Faith A _____ (v. 4; cf. Genesis 4:1-10)

1. THE M _____ OF HIS TESTIMONY - GIVEN BY GOD!
2. THE P _____ OF HIS TESTIMONY

D. By Faith E _____ (v. 5; cf. Genesis 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 15:50-53)

E. By Faith W _____ (v. 6; Psalm 10:4; 105:4-5; 111:2)

1. IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD W/O FAITH
2. GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM

F. By Faith N _____ (v. 7; cf. Genesis 6-9)

1. HIS OBEDIENCE WAS A R _____
2. HIS OBEDIENCE WAS A C _____

INTROSPECTION

- * Upon what is your faith based? Do you have a Biblically based vision for eternity?
- * Are you "Living By Faith"?
- * What do the actions of your life reveal about the foundation and focus of your faith?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * In what ways is our "Faith" Evidenced in our world today?