

CHF 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

THEME: LIVING BY FAITH

TOPIC: WUNDERSTANDING THE ACT OF LIVING BY FAITH

TEXT: HEBREWS 11:1-6, ROMANS 10:17, 1 JOHN 5:4, HABAKUK 2:4

INTRODUCTION

Following our study and definition of the fundamental principle of Faith last week. We want to look more closely at biblical statements in scriptures about Faith that will further enhance our understanding of a believer Living by faith.

Biblical faith is based on the sure, unchanging promises of the faithful God. He always fulfils His promises. He is completely trustworthy. Living faith is the kind of faith God wants us to have, so today using the Topical Bible study method, we start exploring the act of Living by Faith.

1. Faith is the key to pleasing God.

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. **Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)**

2. Faith is the product of the entrance of God's Word.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Romans 10:17 (KJV)**

3. Faith introduces you into the realm of a shame-free life.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we are confidently and joyfully **Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)**

4. Faith is necessary to mix with the Word and produce results.

For indeed we have had the glad tidings [Gospel of God] proclaimed to us just as truly as they [the Israelites of old did when the good news of deliverance from bondage came to them]; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith **Hebrews 4:2 (AMP Classic Edition)**

5. Faith is the confidence in anticipation of a breakthrough.

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. **Hebrews 11:1 (MSG)**

6. Faith is the present reality of a future manifestation.

Faith is the realization of things hoped for... **Hebrews 11:1 (Twentieth Century New Testament).**

7. Faith is the present proof of things that have no physical tangibility as yet.being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality - faith perceiving as real what is not revealed to the senses. **Hebrews 11:1 (Amplified Bible)**

8. Faith is the reason by which men of old gained godly approval.

Now faith is a confident assurance of that for which we hope - a conviction of the reality of things we do not see. **Hebrews 11:2 (Weymouth Translation)**

9. Faith is the weapon you need if you must quench the lies and arrows of Satan.

In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the Evil One! **Ephesians 6:16 (TPT)**

10. The fight of faith is the only fight approved of in Scripture.

Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses. **1 Timothy 6:12 (NLT)**

CONCLUSION

In the Bible we see that those who exercised their faith in the face of seemingly impossible odds received the promises of God. They have become our biblical role models. A living faith is an active faith. We show our belief in God and His way of life by striving to live like our loving God and follow the laws and wise principles He gives us in the Bible.