

Why Faith?

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith Defined (1-3)

- *“Faith is the confidence of things hoped for . . .*
 - *We have a firm foundation, absolute trust, and assurance.*
 - *We hope for the Lord’s return; the resurrection from the dead.*
 - *We hope for our eternal home in heaven.*
- *. . . the conviction of things not seen” (1).*
 - *We have evidence and certainty of what we cannot see.*
 - *We know the existence of God and the creation of the world (3).*
 - *We know the life of Jesus while He was on the earth.*
- *“By it (faith) the men of old gained approval” (2).*

Faith Demonstrated (4-5, 7)

- *The example of Abel - “faith worshiping” (4):*
 - *He offered his best sacrifice to God; Cain did not.*
 - *He pleased God; Cain did not (Genesis 4:3-5).*
- *The example of Enoch - “faith walking” (5):*
 - *“He walked with God” (Genesis 5:24a).*
 - *“He was not, for God took him” (24b).*
- *The example of Noah - “faith working” (7):*
 - *“Being warned by God about things not yet seen . . .*
 - *. . . prepared an ark for the salvation of his household.”*

Faith Demanded (6)

- ***“Without faith it is impossible to please Him.”***
 - *We must believe that He is, He exists, and He is not silent.*
 - *We must believe He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*
- ***Biblical faith is not blind, but the result of evidence:***
 - *We see Him in creation, what He has made (Rom. 1:20).*
 - *We see Him in revelation, what He has said (Rom. 1:16).*
 - *We especially see Him in Jesus, His Son (John 14:9).*
- ***“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).***

***“If you do not believe that I am He (the Christ),
you will die in your sins” (John 8:24).***

***“These (signs) are written that you may
believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son
of God, and that believing you may
have life in His name” (John 20:31).***