

**THE
IMPORTANCE
OF
FAITH**

2 Thessalonians 3:2

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

**THE
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OF
PLEASING FAITH**

HEBREWS 11:5-6

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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.

Introduction

A. Hebrews 11:1

More a description of faith than a definition

B. We exhibit faith in people and things everyday

1 John 5:9

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

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C. Examples of pleasing faith

1. Willing faith - Abraham

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

2. Walking faith – Enoch (11:5)

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C. Examples of pleasing faith - continued

3. Working faith – Noah

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.

4. Worshipping faith – Abel

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.

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D. Exhortation for our faith (11:6a)

1 Thessalonians 4:1

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

I. Pleasing Faith is Important for Salvation

Ephesians 2:8a

For by grace are ye saved through faith;

A. Pleasing faith cleanses you through salvation

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

I. Pleasing Faith is Important for Salvation

B. Pleasing faith commits you through salvation

Psalm 31:5

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

I. Pleasing Faith is Important for Salvation

C. Pleasing faith connects you through salvation

Ephesians 2:19-21

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

II. Pleasing Faith is Important for Serenity

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

A. Dedicated faith pleases God and brings peace

Mark 5:34

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

II. Pleasing Faith is Important for Serenity

B. Dependent faith pleases God and brings peace

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

II. Pleasing Faith is Important for Serenity

C. Delighted faith pleases God and brings peace

Psalm 119:16

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

D. Diligent faith pleases God and brings peace

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

II. Pleasing Faith is Important for Serenity

E. Directed faith pleases God and brings peace

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

III. Pleasing Faith is Important for Satisfaction

Psalms 17:15

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

III. Pleasing Faith is Important for Satisfaction

A. Satisfaction comes by faith in the person of Christ

1. Keep your eyes looking at Jesus to be satisfied.

Matthew 14:30

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

2. Keep your ears listening to Jesus to be satisfied.

Hebrews 3:15

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

III. Pleasing Faith is Important for Satisfaction

B. Satisfaction comes by faith in the position of Christ

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Isaiah 59:1

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

C. Satisfaction comes by faith in the provisions of Christ

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

IV. Pleasing Faith is Important for Service

James 2:17

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

A. You must surrender to faith to do God's work

Philippians 3:13-14

**13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended:
but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are
behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are
before,**

**14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high
calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

IV. Pleasing Faith is Important for Service

B. You must submerge in faith to do God's work

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

C. You must step in faith to do God's work

Proverbs 16:9

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

**Do We Have Faith That Pleases
God?**