

The Importance of Faith

Hebrews 11:6

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FAITH BRINGS SALVATION

Ephesians 2:8 - "For by grace are you saved through faith."

- A. "Faith" and "believe" come from same Greek word.
- B. Faith is the foundation of obedience to the Gospel of Christ.

FAITH GIVES SERENITY/PEACE

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

- A. The world seeks peace through education, psychology, doctors and medicines. In spite of the help these afford, there is more unrest and turmoil than ever before.
- B. The only real and lasting peace is found in Jesus Christ. We cannot earn it or buy it. We must accept it as a blessing from Him.

FAITH AFFORDS SECURITY

Romans 11:33 - "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! . . ."

- A. Many are striving for security through temporal pursuits . . . Accumulating money, investments, real estate, etc.
- B. True security is found only in Jesus Christ. Earthly treasures wear out, rust, deteriorate.
- C. The riches that Christ affords are eternal . . . The life He gives is everlasting. **Ephesians 2:7** - "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

FAITH REQUIRES SERVICE

James 2:17 - ". . . Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

- A. Many Christians are less victorious because they fail in the service department . . . Service to God . . . Service to man..
- B. Service for God is faith in action. The faith that brings salvation, peace, and security, also requires service.

- C. CIA - Christians in Action. Works are not to earn salvation, but are done in appreciation for what God has given us . . . Salvation in and through Jesus Christ.
- D. When we help the needy, visit the sick, comfort the bereaved, teach the lost we exhibit a living faith necessary to victorious living.
- E. Faith is active.
 - 1. Faith that is not active and doing is dead.
 - 2. Hebrews 11 "By faith" appears 10 times
- F. **Romans 10:17** - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Conclusion:

- A. Will you now exercise your faith in obedience to the Gospel of Christ?
- B. God's Plan for man's Salvation