

“By Faith”

Intro: _____ is fundamental to all that is Christian and therefore, an _____ element of Christianity.

A. In _____ for the Hebrews’ salvation the Author here teaches what faith is, and how the faith God grants is not only necessary to their salvation but also to their _____.

B. To teach the Hebrews of the absolute necessity of _____ and its preserving nature the Author first teaches what faith is (v. 1), and then speaks of the _____ nature of the Christian faith (v. 2), followed by the high and appropriating nature of that same faith (v. 3).

I. It is by _____ in God that the believer gains the _____ of God.

A. In presenting that the elders of the Old Covenant gained God’s approval by being a people of _____, the Author shows that faith has been the means of pleasing God, or being approved by God, _____ the very _____.

B. _____ grants us the faith to believe and then approves of us because we believe! God grants us what He approves of giving us cause to _____!

C. Everything about the _____ is to be of faith. And, as we read in the last chapter, it is the righteous one who lives _____.

D. Just how _____ is faith toward us who believe? Just how does God view this faith, with what approval? Romans 3:26-28 says that God is “just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.” The approval of God toward us may be summed up in one wonderful word: _____! By the grace of God a man is justified by faith.

E. Let us glorify God for if He did not grant us this _____ we would not possess it, and there would be no _____ by which He could approve of us! Just as it was by faith that the men of the Old Covenant were approved by God so is it by faith that the men of the New Covenant are approved by God. If we want the _____ of God, we must be a people of enduring faith for without faith it is impossible to please God.

II. By _____ the believing Hebrews knew and fully comprehended that God created worlds. A. Here the people are brought to the reality of faith in their lives, that faith has _____ a vital part of their life.

A. By faith the Hebrews also understood that God created by the pronouncement of His Word. They _____ in the power of the Word of _____.

B. By faith so did they comprehend that “what is _____ was not made out of things which are visible” but rather from things which are _____ - particularly the Word of God.

C. Well did Pink comment saying, “... setting forth the importance and excellency of _____: here he affirms that through *faith* its favored possessors are _____ to apprehend things which are high above the reach of human reason. The origin of the universe presents a problem which neither science nor philosophy can solve, as is evident from their conflicting and ridiculous attempts, but that _____ entirely before faith.”

Closing: The _____ God grants the believer _____ the physical material seeable world, apprehending that which is spiritual and unseen – and therefore it believes in the promises of God, that God will fulfill His Word as He did at creation, speaking and it was so.

The faith that God grants us who believe is that by which men are approved of God, and that faith sees the un-seeable and _____ the believer until he sees the Lord God Almighty in the fulness of His glory.

A. As the men of old stood by faith, so must we stand by faith. And as we began by faith, so must we continue by faith.

“Therefore we _____ heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are _____” (2 Cor 4:16-18).

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