"By Faith" Pt. IV

Intro: As the Hebrews letter reveals many of the people were struggling with the Christian ________. While some were wavering others had gone apostate, completely abandoning faith ________ Christ. Being deeply concerned for the souls of the Hebrews the Author responded to the need by the penning of this Spirit-breathed letter teaching that salvation comes only by grace through faith in Jesus.

A. That ________ in Christ by which one first trusts in Him is the same faith by which one continually lives the life of salvation, by which Christ ____________ the soul unto the end.

B. In His dealings with mankind God has consistently saved by grace through faith, even from the beginning with the patriarchs of Old. Faith has ________ been ________ of pleasing God “for 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 seek Him” (11:6).

C. This morning, as we come to the 7th verse of the 11th chapter, we study as Noah is added to the growing list of patriarchs who were approved of God on the basis of ________ (that God-__________ gift by which men please God).

I. “By ________ ________ ...”

A. Of Noah the 8th verse of Genesis 6 says that he “found favor (or as the KJV well says “_______”) in the eyes of the Lord.” And the 10th verse says that “Noah was a ________________ man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God”. Noah lived by faith!

B. By faith Noah ________ God and ________ Him at His Word.
   
   1. Noah heard and believed in his heart and his ________ in God and God’s promises ________________ him to act accordingly.

C. As pronounced by God, Noah ________________ in things as yet ________!

D. In ________________ Noah ________________ an ark.
   
   1. It was by that ________ that ________________ a right ________ of God and His Word that Noah prepared the ark very carefully, paying attention to the minute details just as God instructed.
E. By believing God and acting in accordance to what God said, ______ through Noah ____________ an ark of safety for his entire household and indeed, as Noah’s household believed and entering the _____ so did they survive the flood of judgment.

1. Beloved, by ______ Noah believed and acted, and so did he receive the reward of the Lord: his own life and that of his family. Indeed! ______ is a _____________ of those who seek Him.

F. It was by Noah’s God-granted ________ that he _______________ the unbelieving world.

1. As Noah was a _____________ of righteousness (cf. 2 Pet. 2:5) so did he publically proclaim the righteousness of God and the coming judgment, no doubt proclaiming that all men should believe and ________, by which men are either saved or condemned.

G. “By faith Noah ... ______________ __ ______ of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

1. Here is the reward of the Lord to those who by faith believe that He is and that He is a reworder of those who seek Him: He makes them _____ __ His ________________.

Closing: The way in which God loved Noah is the way in which He has loved His people from the very beginning and loves us even today: He grants ________ and dispenses righteousness as His inheritance to the believer on the basis of _______. The one who is a true believer is saved by faith and then lives by the strength of his God-granted faith, while acting in accord with His God-granted faith, while realizing the blessings of God on the basis of his God-granted faith. That faith by which we first came to believe is that faith by which Christ ______________ us. It is “God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (I Cor. 15:57-58). Believe in Him and you will see the salvation of the Lord for His grace will be applied to you, and His ______________ your inheritance!

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