“By Faith” Pt. X

Intro: As we continue to study the 11th chapter of Hebrews so do we learn more of the __________ of the patriarchs of Old, of the saving and preserving nature of that unique faith that is granted the believer by God and absolutely ____________________ for salvation.

A. Shall we live by faith __________ and all He accomplished or shall we deny Him and die in our sin? And beloved, there is nothing in between! The Lord says, “My righteous one shall live by faith” and we know that “Without faith it is impossible to please God, for ____ must ____________ that He is and that He is the Rewarder of those who seek Him.”

B. To this point all of whom it is said that they lived by faith were pre-Law but here we come to learn of the faith of the one through whom God gave the Law! And most astoundingly we learn that he, __________, __________ by __________!

I. By __________ Moses’ parents __________ to preserve his life.

A. It was ___ “the assurance of things hoped for, the __________ of things not seen” that Moses’ parents “when he was born” hid him “for three months,” and when they were unable to hide him they set him afloat amongst the reeds of the Nile River, leaving him to the hand ___ ________.

B. As God provoked the _______ of this couple through beauty of the child, it was by faith in Him that they acted, as “they were _____ __________ of the king’s edict.”

C. “Here, dear Hebrews (and church today!), we see that it was ___ ________ that Moses’ parents gained the approval of God. And if they suffered such a test as this, what is it to us that we should continue by faith? And we know this: so shall we ______ the hand of ______ for He is the Rewarder of those who believe that He is, who by faith seek Him.

II. “By faith __________ …”

A. That ________ that was possessed by Moses’ parents became his own ___________ God-ordained faith. And we are reminded of the Proverb that says, “Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov 22:6).

B. __________ Moses ____________ to endure ill-treatment with the people of God rather than enjoying the passing pleasures of sin.

1. As we ____ ___________ in God make our choices so do we ____________ the loss of the passing pleasures of this world, and so do we accept the persecutions of this world. In being identified with Christ so do we bring upon ourselves the sufferings of Christ.
2. “We mistake if we think faith only to be a strong confidence. It is so indeed; but there are other things also. It is such an appreciative esteem of our Christ ... that other things are _______________ in our opinion, estimation, and affection. The nature of faith is set forth by the apostle when he saith, 'What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ; yet, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and so count them but dung that I may ______ ________; and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death' (Phil. 3:7-10). And therefore true faith makes us __________ the __________ and all the interests and honors thereof: and is to be known not so much by our confidence, as by our mortification ... ; when we carry all our comforts in our hands, as ready to part with them, if the Lord called us to leave them.” (Puritan Thomas Manton)

B. By ________ Moses possessed the assurance and conviction of the coming Messiah and His sufferings, and considered the reproach of Christ ___________ ________ than all the treasures of Egypt.

1. The Hebrews Author is very much getting in the Hebrews' face. “Hebrews, if Moses of Old who was the very recipient and giver of the Law had the coming Christ in mind, and faith endured unto the end, then __________ __________ should we to whom the Christ has come endure unto the end by faith, giving up the ease and riches of this world for the far superior reproaches of Christ__

C. Being a man of faith Moses saw that the things he hoped for were of a supreme quality over the earthly treasures he had possessed, that the unseen things of ______ were _______________ _________ than all vast of the riches of Egypt which were seen. So, he acted by faith while looking to the eternal reward.

Closing: Matthew 5:10 says, “__________ are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” There is a heavenly ____________ for all who by faith trust in Jesus!

Dear ones, faith in God causes us to act while looking to God to do as it pleases Him. Faith in Christ moves us away from this world. Faith in our Lord teaches us to make holy decisions, denying ungodliness. ________ __ ________ brings us to accept and then endure the sufferings that come with being identified with Him. And faith looks forward causing us to endure until our Lord Jesus brings us into our eternal reward when we shall see Him face to face. Have you come to faith in Christ Jesus?

Let the faith of Moses the Law-giver with that trusting view toward Christ Jesus be the faith by which you ______ ___ Christ knowing that you will realize the reward and ______ ___ Christ!

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