

TO LIVE BY FAITH

HEBREWS 11:5, 6

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “It is God’s grace, not our faith, that saves us. In his mercy, however, when he saves us he gives us faith—a relationship with his Son that helps us to become like him. Through the faith he gives us, he carries us from death to life (John 5:24)...How tragic if we turn faith into a deed and try to develop it on our own! We can never come to God through our own faith, any more than his Old Testament people could come through their own sacrifices. Instead, we must accept his gracious offer with thanksgiving and allow him to plant the seed of faith within us.” Life Application Study Bible: Chart on Faith in Romans 1:17.

HAS A GREAT EXAMPLE: Meet Enoch! This little known man is used as a model for one of the most basic and powerful Scriptures in Hebrews (11:6). Enoch walked so faithfully with God that such good came to his life that he did not have to taste death. United to the resurrected Christ, I can have unbroken fellowship with Him and experience His reward and His “good” as I earnestly seek Him. (**Hebrews 11:5, 6, Genesis 5:21-25, Matthew 6:31-33, fn 6:33, Matthew 19:29, fn 19:29**) *How is your faith a model of Hebrews 11:6?*

IS PLEASING TO GOD. God’s gift of faith begins when I realize that God must exist in order for this world and you and me to exist. Life thrives with the wonders of God’s “scientific” facts. Faith grows as I see the goodness of God and the badness of myself. A personal relationship with Jesus is established when I, by faith, receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Only God could create such a unique way for me to come to Him. Therefore, to live by faith honors Him and is pleasing to Him. (**Hebrews 11:6, Romans 1:19, 20, fn 1:19, Ephesians 2:8, 9, fn 2:8, 9, Romans 4:5, fn 4:5, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 3:21-26, fn 3:21, 22**) *Why is your faith pleasing to God?*

HAS REWARDS. As a new believer, I sought God by faith because I *believed* good would happen. Now I continue to earnestly seek Him by faith because I *know* God’s goodness or His reward will continue to happen. (**Hebrews 11:6, Genesis 45:4-8, fn 45:4-8, Genesis 50:15-21, fn 50:20, I Thessalonians 5:16-18, fn 5:18, Luke 18:28-30, fn 18:26-30, Romans 8:28, fn 8:28**) *How has good come to you because of your faith in Jesus Christ?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God’s majesty and glory?

