

GUARDIANS OF FAITH: Part III

TEXT: [Hebrews 11](#)

SUBJECT: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

INTRODUCTION: The theme throughout this short series of sermons has been and still is: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith. God's plan of salvation has always been: Man is saved by God's Grace, through faith (in Jesus), based on the Holy Scriptures. After the fall of man, God showed one man, Adam, how to be saved and gave Adam the responsibility to teach his children how to come to God in Salvation. Adams children were to teach their children and so on, and so on. Over the centuries of time God's plan has never changed, only the sacrifice has changed. Originally the sacrifice acceptable to God was the blood of animals, which was only a temporary sacrifice, and a representation of God's true sacrifice The Lord Jesus Christ. Hebrews Chapter 11 gives us living examples of men and women who believed God and believed in God, and it was credited to them as righteous. It was salvation by Grace, thru Faith. Enoch and Abraham are both men that believed God and salvation was their eternal reward.

- I. Enoch: The Walk of Faith. [Gen. 5:24](#), [Heb. 11: 5-6](#), [Jude 14-15](#)
 - A. Enoch exemplifies walking by faith.
 - 1. Walking by faith is a term indicating a life found pleasing to God.
 - 2. Walking by faith is a lifetime commitment.
 - B. There are 5 features of Enoch's walk of faith that were found pleasing to God.
 - 1. Enoch believed that God is. The first step towards saving faith is in believing that God is.

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2. Enoch sought God's Reward.
 - a. Enoch sought God's Reward. Believing that God rewards those who trust in Him is the first step of faith. God's reward for those who believe in Him is SALVATION.
3. Enoch walked with God.
 - a. Salvation, is only the beginning of the faithful life in God; our desire and goal is to commune and fellowship and live a God honoring life. Our daily walk with God is what He finds pleasing. The Bible tells us that we are to walk by faith not by sight. ([Romans 6:4](#))
 - b. Enoch was reconciled with God. That is he lived his life in agreement with God's prescribed manner. In other words Enoch lived his life in harmony with God. The purpose of salvation is to reconcile men to God. That is to restore the relationship broken by sin. Because of his faith, Enoch was reconciled with God, and because he was reconciled with God, he could walk with God; and he did so for 300 years. Simply stated, Enoch just believed God was there with him, and in doing so, he pleased God.
4. Enoch Preached for God.
 - a. Enoch was a preacher of righteousness. His message was a prophesy of the second coming of Christ in Judgment ([Jude 14-15](#)).
5. Enoch entered into God's Presence. He is one of only 2 men that have *never died*. The other one was Elijah.

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- II. Abraham: The Life of Faith ([Heb. 11:8-19](#))
 - A. He believed in God and it was accredited to him as righteousness ([Gen. 15:6](#)).
 - B. He realized he was a pilgrim and a sojourner here on earth, and he was looking for his eternal home, the city of God.
 - C. He believed God could resurrect the dead. So he offered up his only son, Isaac when told to sacrifice him as an offering to God.

Conclusion: True faith is deaf to doubt, dumb to discouragement, and blind to impossibility. No matter what it experiences, it sees only the promised success.