

A FRESH LOOK AT FAITH

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Hebrews 11:1-6

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

I. WE THINK OF FAITH IN VARIOUS WAYS

1.1 The _____ Faith

1.2 A _____ Faith

1.3 _____ Faith

1.4 _____ Faith

Hebrews 11:13

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Hebrews 11:39-40

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

II. WE ALL HAVE _____ AND _____

III. PEOPLE OF GREAT FAITH HAVE _____ SUCH _____

IV. FAITH IS NOT THE _____ OF _____ BUT _____
IN _____ TO GOD

V. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A PROPER _____ OF GOD

VI. WE MUST _____ GOD AND NOT JUST OUR _____
ABOUT GOD

VII. A QUOTE: "I have to be on speaking terms with God as a living personality. He
often _____ my _____ with a _____ rather than
an _____ to my questions."