

F AITH

Intro. 2 Cor 5:7. Walk by faith and not sight.  
 Col 2:6. Heb 9:22; 12:14; 11:6. Faith in Heb.  
 Meaning--Full confidence, Webster.

I. Explanation of faith, 1. *Purpose*

Faith in broadest concept, not Xn esp. Not complete definition but that which bears on argument.

A. Nature of faith.

1. Substance. Assurance. Not that faith gives it substance, already existing, but assures.  
*Title deed to house you don't have in papyrri.*
2. Evidence, proof. Jn 16:8. Establishes in your heart the reality of things unseen.  
*External proof is changed lives. Also Word.*

B. Object of faith. Things hoped for. Things unseen (broader). ~~1st~~ may be present experiences; ~~2nd~~ hope in future.  
*1st - Not seen - present exp. of v 7 - Book*

Faith says: I have victory, eternal life now. Proved by experience and Word.  
*Makes it real to me.*

II. Effects of Faith, 3ff. *Faith doesn't create - it characterizes, confirms*  
*Presuppositions of faith A. only.*

A. Affects mind, 3,6.

1. Bel in existence of God, 6a. Not a being but the God well known from OT and NT for us.
2. Bel in government of God, 6b. Sowing, reaping. Moral God who runs things righteously.
3. Bel in creation of God, 3. Word and not by anything we now see. Rev 4:11. If bel in evol can't ever have full confidence in God.

B. Affects heart, 4.

Abel knew he was righteous. Let dead speak to you. Abraham, 8.  
 Rahab, 31. Whole nation had facts, Josh 2:9-10 but only she believed. Faith saves. Thru faith, i.e.

C. Affects life, 5,7.

1. Enoch. Pleaded God so agreed, Amos 3:2.  
 Change in Enoch, lived 65 yrs, walked 300, G 5:21-22.
2. Noah. Faithful tho foolish, never rained before. Affected others--family. Enuf if witness to them.
3. Moses, 24. Think what he could have had in Egypt.
4. Heb men, 34. Got them in trouble.

III. Example of Faith.

If time take one of above and develop.

Abel--faith not on heredity, environment, church, aesthetics, but on Word of God.

*Product of Faith*

*Abel - heaven  
Moses - service  
3 Heb - submission*

IV. Encouragement to faith.

*Procreative  
Production of Faith*

All have faith. Whether rightly place is point. When God says something you react. If you believe God that's faith; if not then faith in self or ch or something even ignorance.

Faith involves (1) attitude, (2) actions--note Abel brot an animal, Enoch right actions, Noah an ark. Evidence of faith.

From Daniel 3.

1. Know something of plan of God. Wrath, persecution normal. Look at experiences of saints of OT.
2. Know prayer to God. Whole book. But if not.
3. Know presence of God. 4th man in furnace.

How? Thru Word and prayer.

Abel's faith encouraged as he remembered the Word.

Enoch's as he fellowshipped (prayer).

Noah used both.

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- Flattery vs faith
  - Politics vs prayer
  - Learning vs leading

*Doesn't rule out means but  
has focus on motives*

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- Achan
  - Moses
  - Red Sea
  - 40 yrs
  - Amos
  - 70 x 7
  - Raised Jesus
  - Put 8 in prison

- Word → blessing
- Psyc. → psychology
- Disturbance → hostile people
- Society → societies
- Crisis → ~~comes~~ up & down
- Habit → character
- Compromise → loss of power
- Sin → chastisement
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- faith → *known by* *power of God*