

A Sight Unseen Part 1

“Believing Is Seeing” Hebrews 11:1-3

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Hebrews 11:6 “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.”

I. Faith is absolutely ESSENTIAL for a relationship with God.

- Faith comes by HEARING God's Word.

Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

- Faith comes from JESUS CHRIST.

Acts 3:16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

II. Faith functions as a SPIRITUAL WINDOW through which we see the Character and Nature of God.

Hebrews 11:1 NIV Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11: NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What do you see?



III. The practice of Faith is SEEING all of life from God's perspective, and LIVING accordingly.

- Faith Requires a RIGHT PERSPECTIVE.

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 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.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Do you have a God-Sized vision of your life and God's church?