

# We Must Be A Church Living By Real Faith

Habakkuk 2:4 and three verses in the New Testament. The phrase, “Shall Live” acts as a verb. In Hebrew the word is “Haya”. In Greek, the word is “Zao”.

[Hab 2:4 KJV] 4 Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

## 1. Define “Faith” what we live by.

[Heb 11:1-3 KJV] 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- a. complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
- b. strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual understanding rather than proof.
- c. real faith and Sense Knowledge Faith – real trust operates vs faith by feelings or what we observe. Thomas used Sense Knowledge Faith. Charles Templeton quit preaching because his faith was Sense Knowledge Faith.

[Rom 1:17 KJV] 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

[Gal 3:11 KJV] 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

[Heb 10:38 KJV] 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him

## 2. God gives to every person a measure of faith. You can only Use your faith

[Rom 12:3 KJV] 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

[Rom 10:16-17 KJV] 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then **faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

[Luk 18:8 KJV] 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. **Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

[Rom 4:9 KJV] 9 [Cometh] this blessedness then upon the circumcision [only], or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that **faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.**

[Heb 11:6 KJV] 6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for **he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**Seven sons of Sceva, a Jew learned a lesson.** [Act 19:13-15 KJV] 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of [one] Sceva, a Jew, [and] chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

### **3. Abel's faith caused him to offer a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. He heard the Word of God and believed it. Cain had a sense knowledge faith.**

[Heb 11:4 KJV] 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

[1Ti 6:12, 19 KJV] 12 **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. ... 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

### **4. Enoch pleased God through his Faith.**

[Heb 11:5 KJV] 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation **he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

What is your testimony concerning your faith?

### **5. Noah condemned the world through his faith.**

**Noah had real faith.**

[Heb 11:7 KJV] 7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

### **6. Nothing can happen through me until it has first happened to me. (God's love can't flow through me until God's love happens to me.)**

**I need to be filled with the Spirit of God. Doubt has no place in me.**

**Doubt vs Unbelief**

[Mat 14:31 KJV] 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, **wherefore didst thou doubt?**

**We must ask the Lord to help us with our doubts.** [Mar 9:24 KJV] 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**

Unbelief shuts down a move of God. [Mat 13:58 KJV] 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

[Heb 3:12 KJV] 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

[Heb 3:12, 18-19 KJV] 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ... 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

## **7. Always be ready to Pray, Pray for yourself, Pray for others. Pray In Faith!**

[Jas 5:15 KJV] 15 And the **prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

[Jas 5:16 KJV] 16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

## **Tonight's Word. We have received the promises of God.**

[Jhn 3:15 KJV] 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

[Jhn 5:39 KJV] 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

[1Jo 5:13 KJV] 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Greg Laurie says, The Bible clearly points out that Christ will return. In fact, New Testament writers mention Christ's return no less than 318 times. Statistically, one out of every twenty-five verses in the New Testament speaks of Jesus' return.

God wants us to get this message. Jesus said it clearly: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3 NKJV).

If you believe this, then it will affect the way that you live. The Bible says those who have this hope of the Lord's return "will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure" (1 John 3:3 NLT).