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Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 36th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Pam Caudill
 Brooke Thomas
 Jerry Anderson

Faith: John 8:24, Hebrews 11:6, Rom. 10:17

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Matt. 26:26-29

Scripture Reading
 AM: Heb. 11:5-6
 PM: Mark 12:35-37

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

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Faith and Salvation

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Intro: Read Heb. 11:6. From the text we learn that faith is absolutely essential in the plan of salvation, for without faith no man can please God. In this lesson we will consider how faith saves man. Notice:

I. The Source of Faith

Jer. 10:23, Is 55:8-9, Prov. 14:12
 Gal. 1:8, I Pet. 4:11, Mt 15:9
 Rom. 10:1-3, Rom. 10:17
 2 Tim. 3:16

II. Justified By Faith

I Thes. 2:13, Ps 119:9, Jn 1:11ff
 Jn 12:48, Jn 8:24, Js 2:24
 Matt 10:32, Rom. 10:10
 Mt 28:19, Mk 16:16, Acts 2:38
 Acts 22:16, Rm 6:3ff
 I Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:26ff, Col 2:12
 I Pet. 3:21, Acts 2:47, Rom. 5:1

III. Walking By Faith

Heb. 11:6, 2 Cor. 5:7, Gal. 2:20
 Jn 4:24, Heb. 10:25, I Cor. 15:58
 Rev. 2:10

The Common Man

Read Mark 12:37. Jesus was followed by multitudes and the common man heard him gladly. Let's look at some common statements that our Lord had made and see how easy they are to understand.

I. I Am The _____

John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Jn 10:9, Jn 8:24

II. Good vs. _____

Matt 7:17; 12:34; 15:18-20; 3:7-8; 14:4

III. I Will Build My _____

Matt. 16:18, Mk 9:1, Mt 15:13, Ps 127:1, I Tim. 3:15

Col. 1:13, Heb. 12:28, I Cor. 15:24

IV. The _____

Jn 5:28-29, Acts 17:32, Rom 1:21, I Pet. 3:21; 1:3

I Thes. 4:13-18, I Cor. 15:20-23

V. The _____

Jn 12:48, Acts 17:30-31, Rom. 14:12, 2 Cor. 5:10, Rev. 20:12

VI. _____

Matt. 13:41-42; 49-50; 25:46, 2 Thes. 1:7-9, Col. 2:8

VII. _____ / _____ and Salvation

Mark 16:15-16, Mt 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Rom. 6:3-4, I Cor. 12:13

Gal. 3:27, Col. 2:12, I Pet. 3:21

Bible Faith Includes Obedience Part 1

Understanding Biblical concepts can sometimes be a challenge when man has chosen to interject himself and complicate simple heavenly truths. However, if we will make the conscious effort to lay aside man's opinions and disassociate ourselves from manmade dogmas, we will find that the Bible makes things very clear for us and is not self-contradicting. Let us consider the Biblical connection between faith and obedience.

There are many in the religious world who try to separate one's belief in God from one's obedience to God. They have various motivations for this, but it is often tied to their teaching that one is saved by faith (and by faith alone) before any works of obedience. They take certain passages that teach that man's salvation is by faith (ex: Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 5:1), and they assert that "faith" (or "believe") in such passages involves man's acceptance of and willful acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as God's Son and as their Savior. But, they claim works of obedience are subsequent to their faith and their salvation. Is that Biblical? Are faith and obedience two separate things?

Let's begin by looking at the great "Faith Chapter" of Hebrews 11. The word "faith" is found 24 times in this chapter, so this must be a good place to learn how God defines faith. He begins by giving us a description of faith in the first verse: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Is the "assurance" and "conviction" of faith the extent of it? If there is nothing beyond conviction involved in faith, then why do we have the rest of this chapter?

God illustrates for us in this "Faith Chapter" what Biblical faith is. With a survey of great men and women, He marches His readers into the field of faith to show that true, Biblical faith is one that "moves with godly fear" (11:7) and "obeys" (11:8) the Lord's will. "By faith" is combined with active verbs for each of these characters to show that faith was the motivating factor and underlying foundation of their active obedience. Faith and obedience go hand-in-hand.

This Biblical description of "faith" is how linguistic scholars have defined the word. W.E. Vine notes, "The main elements in 'faith'...are (1) a firm conviction..., (2) a personal surrender to Him..., (3) a conduct inspired by such surrender." Thayer notes that this faith is "a conviction, full of joyful trust...conjoined with obedience to Christ." Note carefully the three common components of faith in these definitions, which correspond precisely with the Biblical description of faith: (1) conviction, (2) trustful surrender, (3) obedience.

By definition, Biblical faith involves one's obedience. (More next week)