



I. Review

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. Hebrews 11:1-3

Faith is something we all **POSSESS**.

Faith is **ACTION**.

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the **measure of faith God has given you**. Romans 12:3*

*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. Hebrews 11:6*

Faith is the **HINGE** that your Christian beliefs swing on – in fact faith is the **HINGE** that life swings on.

II. Great Cloud of Witnesses

***Therefore**, since we are surrounded by such a **great cloud of witnesses**, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1*

Faith Lessons from the Heroes:

- a. Abel – Living with faith begins by dealing with my **SIN**.

III. Enoch – Faith that **STANDS ALONE**.

"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." Hebrews 11:5-6

5 ways that Enoch **PLEASED GOD**.

For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

1. Enoch **BELIEVED** in God.

because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists Hebrews 11:6

2. Enoch sought Gods **REWARD**.

*because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists **and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**" Hebrews 11:6b*

3. Enoch **WALKED** with God

"When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away." Genesis 5:21-24

Walking with God:

i. **INSTANTANEOUS** sanctification –

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

ii. **PROGRESSIVE** sanctification –

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Ephesians 4:1

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, Philippians 2:12

3 John 4 - A **TRUTH** walk

Romans 8:4 - A **SPIRITUAL** walk

Ephesians 5:2 - A **LOVE** walk

Ephesians 5:8 - A **LIGHT** walk

Ephesians 5:15 - A **WISE** walk

4. Enoch **PREACHED** for God

"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude 14-15

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing." Philippians 2:14-16

We do not know how **SUCCESSFUL** Enoch was – we only know how **FAITHFUL** he was.

I can't have **FAITH** because I don't have other **CHRISTIANS** around me"

5. Enoch entered **GOD'S PRESENCE**

"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." Hebrews 11:5