

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Sola Fide - Faith Alone!

Text: Hebrews 11:1 - 22

INTRODUCTION

Our devotional meditation today is
on “Sola Fide, Faith Alone!”

Romans 1:16 – 17, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

Habakkuk 2:4, *“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”*

Galatians 3:11, *“Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”*

Hebrews 10:37 - 39, *“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; (38) but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” (39) But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”*

1. Faith is a GIFT From God:

1.1) Without FAITH it is impossible to please God!

Hebrews 11:6, *“And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”*

1.2) Every person is given a measure of FAITH!

Romans 12:3, *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”*

Matthew 17:20, *He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”*

Growing our faith is a whole series of devotions alone.

1.3) Not all people have FAITH!

2 Thessalonians 3:1 & 2, *“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, (2) and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith”*

2. Faith Sees Beyond the Circumstances:

2.1) Noah – Hebrews 11:7

Noah knew judgment from God was coming ... we know judgment from God is coming!

2.2) Abraham and Sarah – Hebrews 11:8 – 12, 17 - 19

2.3) Believers – 2 Corinthians 5:1 – 21 (6 & 7, 9, 14, 17, 21)

3. Faith Receives the Promises of God:

3.1) Faith understands authority and the power of God’s Word!

Matthew 8:5 - 13

3.2) Faith seeks to abide in Christ!

John 15:1 – 14

Abraham was called the friend of God, James 2:23, *“and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness’- and he was called a friend of God.”*

3.3) Faith seeks the will of the Father!

1 John 5:13 – 15, *“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. (14) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (15) And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the request that we have asked of him.”*

4. Faith is Active:

4.1) James 2:14 - 26

Conclusion

2 Timothy 1:12; Jude 1:24

I Know Whom I Have Believed

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But I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I’ve committed
Unto Him against that day