WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT PDF

WEEK 1

ROMANS 4:21-17

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

FAITH is mentioned 247 times in the Bible, not to mention 34 times in the book of Romans alone!  I would have to say it is a very important subject.  Would you agree that every culture, company, and religion has their own “explanation” of faith?  With that in mind one might ask then, “what is faith”?  How does one acquire “faith”?  How can I be sure I have “faith”?  Is “faith” elusive like a ghost or as difficult as holding onto water?  These questions are valid and it is our desire and hope that through this series we will tackle those questions and perhaps a few more that will give you the tools to know for sure you Walk by Faith and Not by Sight!

My disclaimer here is that I am coming from the perspective of a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and therefore will be referencing the Bible and Christian literature.  I hope you will find the study inspiring, encouraging and inviting no matter your beliefs at this time.

  What faith is?

There are more than a few meanings of the word that we could glean from so let’s look at these for now.

Faith – Greek (4102) pistis (pis’-tis)

Persuasion that is credence, moral conviction (of religious truth or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; assurance, believe, belief, them that believe, fidelity.

 Out of the meanings listed which 3 stand out the most to you?  These are going to be useful later on because they will define the character of God more clearly to you so choose wisely.

From the list above these three meanings stand out to me the most.

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Faith is what gives us life!

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the **just** **shall** **live** **by** his faith.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the **just** **shall** **live** **by** faith: but if any man draw back, my soul **shall** have no pleasure in him.

Faith is demonstrated by works according to James chapter 2:14,17

**14**What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

**17**Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Let’s sum up todays lesson by pointing out a few things.



Faith is to be persuaded, assured and convicted about a matter



Faith is to be a vital part of the believer



Faith is demonstrated by works, (but it is not the works that save us)