

# The Old Time Gospel

## The Good News Now

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# Faith

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**Faith** - Firm belief in something for which there is no proof. Having such complete confidence and trust in the Redeemers Power, that you are moved to action.

**Living Faith** - Trusting in the Creator God with an unflinching confidence that does not fail under the most trying circumstances. God has kept all His promises, He sent His Son to die to redeem fallen man.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

“But without faith it is impossible to please him” Hebrews 11:6

“And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.” Hebrews 6:11 The following explain Faith by their lives, these people knew their God, believed Him, trusted Him and did what God told them to do (they obeyed God). These could declare with Paul, and with Job “I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed” 2 Tim. 1:12 25 “For I know that my redeemer liveth” Job 19:25 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

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.

**Faith taught by example, Hebrews 11:1-38**

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice

By faith Enoch was translated

But without faith it is impossible to please God

By faith Noah prepared an ark.

By faith Abraham, obeyed, he went.

By faith he (Abraham) sojourned in a strange country - looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed.

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.

By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph.

By faith Joseph, gave commandment concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also. and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises.

## **Consider Noah**

When God said to Noah, build a boat and gave him the plans and dimensions:

It had never rained

What is a flood?

There was no ocean to float the boat on.

What! built the ark on dry land

It took 120 years, he stayed at the project.

He had no reason to built the ark except that it was what God said to do. To all human reasoning the idea was crazy, the flood could never happen. His actions, his works, prove that he had true faith in God. The only reason for building the ark was that Noah believed God, he obeyed God, he put his belief into action, his works prove that he believed and trusted in the God.

## **Consider Abraham**

Abraham had family, position, wealth, all the things that would make a person say, look Lord, I can witness better right here than any where else. God said go, he believed God and went. "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God." James 2:23

## **Consider Moses**

"It was not the teachings of the schools of Egypt that enabled Moses to triumph over all his enemies, but an ever-abiding faith, an unflinching faith, a faith that did not fail under the most trying circumstances." Conflict and Courage-83

## **Children of Israel**

Forty years spent in the wilderness, that they might learn to know and to trust God, and to serve Him with a living faith. Daily they were shown God's sustaining power, the manna was there every day except Sabbath, and water flowed from the rock every where they camped.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

## **I will shew thee my faith by my works**

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:14-26

## **Faith is a living, abiding principle. Its object is truth,—divine, eternal, changeless truth.**

"There is a kind of faith that takes it for granted that we have the truth; but the faith that takes God at his word, which works by love and purifies the heart, is very rare. All who profess the truth are not converted, although they may think they are. Some mistake transient emotions, ideas, and fancies, or resolutions formed in their own strength, for conversion. But faith is a living, abiding principle. Its object is truth,—divine, eternal, changeless truth. Genuine, saving faith is inseparable from repentance and conversion, and will manifest the fruits of the

Spirit. It is a continual, conscious trust in Jesus. The sinner's only hope is in the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour. There is no resting in any efforts of our own, yet these efforts must be made." RH-11-27-1883

"The work of faith means more than we think. It means genuine reliance upon the naked word of God. By our actions we are to show that we believe that God will do just as He has said. The wheels of nature and of providence are not appointed to roll backward nor to stand still. We must have an advancing, working faith, a faith that works by love and purifies the soul from every vestige of selfishness. It is not self, but God, that we must depend upon. We must not cherish unbelief. We must have that faith that takes God at His word." Bible Training School - 06-01-1915 - The Work of Faith

### **God requires What?**

"From Genesis to Revelation the conditions upon which eternal life is promised, are made plain. God requires that those who shall enter heaven shall be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Keep my commandments and live, is the requirement of God. But one says, "My conscience does not condemn me in not keeping the commandments of God." But in the word of God we read that there are good and bad consciences and the fact that your conscience does not condemn you in not keeping the law of God, does not prove that you are uncondemned in His sight. Take your conscience to the word of God, and see if your life and character are in accordance with the standard of righteousness which God has there revealed. You can then determine whether or not you have an intelligent faith, and what manner of conscience is yours. The conscience of man cannot be trusted unless it is under the influence of divine grace. Satan takes advantage of an unenlightened conscience, and thereby leads men into all manner of delusions because they have not made the word of God their counselor. Many have invented a gospel of their own in the same manner as they have substituted a law of their own for God's law. The gospel of Jesus Christ gives full recognition to the law of God, and declares the authority of God supreme. The gospel of Christ requires penitence for sin; and sin is the transgression of the law. Paul, the great gospel preacher, declares, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:20,21 Repentance toward God is sorrow for sin, the transgression of the law of God. The sinner sees himself condemned by the holy law, and as there is no saving quality in law to save the transgressor of law, he must not only exercise repentance toward God, but have faith in Jesus Christ, his sacrifice, surety, and mediator. Through the merits of Christ the sinner may claim the pardon of God." Review and Sabbath Herald - 09-03-1901 - Obedience the Fruit of Union With Christ.