

Practiced Faith, God's Hope Builder

Hebrews 11:1-3

We love rules in our life. As Americans we live by the "rule of law." We might not like it but we obey it. We might not like the liberal side or the conservative side of things, but whoever is our leader we follow, although at times begrudgingly.

We love maps. We love numbers. We like the Ten Commandments. Today we want to start a journey on something that is very practical and that is *faith*. The average person doesn't think that faith is practical but to the Christ following believer, faith is as practical as following a map.

In this chapter in the book of Hebrews, we are going to find people who want another route. They walked by faith and that is the way God wants us to walk today.

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I. Two ways to _____ God:

A. _____.

1. Nobody's done it yet.

B. _____.

1. Not a leap in the dark.

2. Not a gamble.

3. _____ substance created in the spiritual world.

II. Is substance _____?

A. It is the entrance into the world of the _____.

1. Faith enables the believing soul to _____ the future as present and the invisible as seen.

2. Faith rests on _____.

3. Faith's substance is God's Word.

a. Believing what I _____.

b. Believing what they _____.

c. Believing what _____ says.

B. Once you get the substance you do not have to _____ for it any more. You have to build on it.

1. "I have intellectual problems!" No, you have a _____ problem.

2. When a person gives up their sin, they receive the _____ of His Word.

III. Substance stands on _____ not seen.

A. Writing a _____, charging on a card.

1. D.L.

2. Evidence is the _____ right to something.

B. You can believe a lot of silly things, or you can believe the _____ of things.

1. The world's _____.

2. The promises of _____.

Conclusion

1. Life cannot stand _____ therefore, we have substance.

2. God wants to give you evidence, but you must _____ it enough to look for it.

3. My future reality rests upon my present _____ in a loving, breathing, Holy God.

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