

What is Saving Faith? #2

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The definition

- Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)
 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith consists of two things:

- **Assurance** – of the things hoped for based upon evidence!
- **Conviction** – or being certain that the things hoped for are real!

Faith Illustrated

Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice

- He offered it to God
- He offered it according to God's will
- He offered it with the right spirit

So We Learn: Saving faith sacrifices

Enoch – Walked with God (Heb. 11:5)

- Many walk away from God – Enoch walked with God
- We too must walk with God
 - In love
 - In light
 - In redeeming the time

So We Learn: Saving Faith Walks with God

Noah –Obeyed God
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- Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)
 - ⁷By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

So We Learn: Saving Faith Obeys

Events before 2nd Coming

- Matthew 24:36–39 (NKJV)
 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.
 - But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
 - For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
 - and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

All Things Will be Burned Up

- 2 Peter 3:10, 12 (NKJV)
- But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
- looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Abraham – Trusted God
(Heb. 11:8-10)

Abraham – Faith Trusts (Heb. 11:17-19)

- By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,
- of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,”
- concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Abraham trusted God

- To lead him – from his homeland
- To give his descendants the promise land
- To provide a way out when he was told to sacrifice Isaac

So We Learn: Saving Faith Trusts God

By Faith – Moses made Right Decisions
(Heb. 11:24-26)

- Hebrews 11:24–29 (NKJV)

- By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
- esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

So We Learn: Saving Faith – Makes the Right Decisions

Faith causes us to make difficult decisions!

- Choosing Christ over the world!
- Choosing lasting pleasures over temporary ones!
- Choosing to become like Christ!

Conclusion

- So saving faith produces:
 - Sacrificing
 - Walking with God
 - Obeying God
 - Trusting God
 - Making the right decisions