

LIVING THE LIFE OF FAITH

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"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." {Hebrews 11:6} Let us consider the importance of having faith.

We have faith in the cross. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." {Galatians 2:20} Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we can have confidence in His promises. The cross demonstrates His love for us, and the fact that He overcame His grave gives us hope that we, too, will one day overcome the grave. The cross also shows His intense hatred for sin and why sin is the enemy to our soul.

Faith comes by way of the word. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." {Romans 10:17} The word provides the path we must follow so that one day, we can gather around God's throne. Following God's word here on earth enables us to bring light to those who are in spiritual darkness and show them our faith in Him. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house." {Matthew 5:14,15}.

The goal is a crown of righteousness. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7,8) Christians who live faithfully until death bring glory to God. That is why the death of a saint is precious to Him. "Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints." {Psalms 116:15}

Does your "**life of faith**" show others your relationship with God and your goal in this life? Can those in the world see that you have ultimate trust and confidence in God and the life He has instructed you to live? Truthfully, it's showing them something! ***