

Our Guiding Principle

For we walk by faith, not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

Believers and unbelievers can argue about the reality of an unseen world, or the immortality of the soul; but one thing is certain, life in this world contains many things and situations that are unseen. The past is unseen to us who are in the present; and although past events can be recorded and documented, the actuality of those past events remains unseen to those who were not eyewitnesses. Though documented, some still doubt the veracity of man landing on the moon. Even after witnessing Jesus' power and hearing His teachings, Thomas refused to believe Jesus had resurrected unless he touched His nail-printed hands. An element of faith is required in many situations of life.

It seems apparent that the Lord would have us exercise and live by faith in this life. The Lord does not overwhelm us with a preponderance of visual evidence to cause us to believe in Him. Not one of us today has witnessed a body of water dividing, bread falling from heaven, a person walking on water, or one being raised from the dead; but we see the heavens declaring God's glory, and the earth showing His handiwork. We can either express the wonder of God's creation or rationalize it by the Theory of Evolution both of which require us to exercise faith in something unwitnessed. To the spiritually blinded or the hard-hearted, the miracles of the spiritual new-birth of a Christian convert, or the unexplainable disappearance of a tumor in a cancer patient would seem to be easily explained away by a justifiable reason. Whether they will acknowledge it or not, unbelievers exercise some kind of faith every day of their lives, just not faith in Jesus Christ.

Faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is what brought us to true salvation; and it is faith that is to carry us through till we reach heaven's shore. When trials and tribulations arise and vex us, it is faith in the eternal promises of God that generates hope and confidence that our Good Shepherd will restore our souls. When the future seems cloudy and uncertain, it is faith that the Lord will guide us to fulfill His perfect will in our lives that motivates us to keep going in hope. The times when we come to a crossroads, faith can direct us to take the right path. In the countless decisions that are necessary for our lifetime, it is faith that enables our belief that God will grant the wisdom from above to make the right choice. Faith is the engine that drives believers to prayer, knowing that our Heavenly Father hears and answers our requests. Christians scatter the seed of God's word, having the faith that it will not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases. And ultimately, when we go through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil, because we have faith that His rod and His staff will comfort us.

Because we do not know what a day may bring forth, it is best for us to trust in the Lord with all our heart, having the faith to know that He will oftentimes reveal Himself to us as He works all things together for our good. Having His word as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, let us walk by faith today.

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