

# Simply BY FAITH

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**Main Scriptures:** Hebrews 11:6; Acts 2

**Supportive Scriptures:** John 14: 15-20; Acts 2: 1-39; Acts 4: 29; Luke 24:49; Acts 1: 7-9; Hebrews 11:1-3,6,13; Acts 10

## Notes:

Welcome to each and every one of you and those who have joined us on YouTube and Facebook live we welcome you it is a privilege to welcome you to celebrate Shavuot the day of Pentecost when the Laws were given and more importantly the day that we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This morning we want to turn our bible to Hebrews 11: 6, I want to be very simple this morning, the writer to the Hebrews tells us how to approach God. We understand from the scripture the possibility of mankind coming into a relationship with GOD. IT tells us of a God who wants to be in contact in a relationship with His creation. It is possible for us to come to him. it is possible for us to approach him he said he that cometh to God, God has made himself approachable. the question is in what way has he made himself available?

John 3: 16

This is the confidence of those who are hearing of the word that became flesh it gives us the confidence to receive the gift of God to this world who is Jesus Christ. He is Emanuel God with Us. He is God manifested/ made known in flesh. The writer wants us to understand the possibility of approaching God. Man is afraid of not being accepted by God, that is our fear of being condemned and not measuring up for his acceptance but I want to make a point here that all of us have sinned and come short of the Glory of God on our own merit we will never be accepted. But God saw how depraved we are and the possibility of being in reconciliation with him is was far fetch ed and so he sent his only begotten son because the man was lingi9n in a real fear under condemnation. the Gift of God is Jesus coming in this world that if you believe in him you font have to live in fear but have everlasting life?

How can we approach God? - By faith, anything else is unacceptable.

You have to believe that he exists, come to terms that there is one creator and by him, everything was made. Recognize the philosophies of men is not true. SO man must believe that God exists. There is a sovereign God that rules over the universe. God by his sovereign power created everything that we see. We must believe that He rewards those who diligently seek Him. Writer tells us of the Hall of Famers like Noah - God warned him of the pending judgment yet the word convicted him and he moved with fear of the word and stood in awe of this word that there is a pending judgment to wipe out everything and he prepared an ark by faith. He believed though he never saw a judgment like that.

If there is only one way that we can please God, then what is faith? Hebrews 11: 1 - 3 - science without the word of God can be very tragic to one's belief in the existence of God because science must confirm what God says.

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What is faith? we hear that they just live by faith and we understand it's a lifestyle but here we get an understanding of what faith is - the evidence of things not seen.

Substance - "hupostasis"- the assurance, the title deed of what I am hoping for, the evidence the foundation

What does evidence mean? It's there but I can't perceive it but I have it?

For example; if I present to you a piece of paper with a title deed on it for a piece of land, and I say to you it's yours. you have not seen this land but perhaps you believe I have the money to buy it and so you accept that simple paper but you believe that there is the land in the city waiting for you and so you accept it by faith. Such is it that those who come to God must believe by faith that it is impossible to please Him without faith. Whatever that he has spoken to us we are convicted that he has the ability to grant it. they have the assurance that we are recipients of eternal life.

many forefathers lived with that and they believe he will be coming back. No man can reverse anything from God except by faith, any man who approached God must have faith you can't get anything from God without God no matter how much your pray and scream, you must have faith.

Let's look at his disciples who left everything had to follow him who when he told them that he was leaving they were troubled - John 14: 15-20 so these words he said they clung to even though they did not understand everything

Luke 24: 49; Acts 1: 7 These were the last words as he attended into the heaven, this is the promise that was given,

So they went back to Jerusalem all together and they are there in Faith believing that whatever is to take place is something Good.

On the day of Pentecost, all the believers met either in one place. - you want to blessing of the Lord to flow you have to have one mind and God blessed the unity. I believe they were there reflecting on the goodness of God and the promise.

They moved in fear and stood in awe of the word they received. These 120 believers gathered together with a word from the Lord that there is something brand new that is coming and that there will be an outpouring of his spirit on all flesh they all wanted the promise not knowing what it would be like but then suddenly there came a rushing sound and fire on each head suddenly all the disciples were speaking in tongues.

Joel 2: 28 was referenced on the day of Pentecost. It's available to anyone who believes. I want you to understand that when you approach him by faith your righteousness has nothing to do with it. You approach him believing the sacrifice of Jesus. Any man who trusts in him must receive.

Question: Am I qualified for it? what should we do?

Obey by faith, repent, and be baptized and you will receive. All you need is faith and simply believe by faith. Repent of your sins that means turn from the path that you are going down. Men are found under the wrath of God to approach him by faith and you will be acceptable. He must believe that God is and a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. I am qualified by the death of Jesus. I was nailed to the cross with Him his blood qualifies me that I can receive what he has done for me.

"I have done things that I carry the shame to today " when those thoughts come to you take a look at Jesus and see Jesus. He said my blood is good enough. Christ died for the ungodly he came in this world for the sinner to be loosed from the horrors of darkness. The word gives them the title to be the children of God, qualified by faith in him because he believes that he dies and resurrected and they can receive the gift of the holy ghost. Is there someone with an appetite to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost his morning?

Love him receive him!

I remember that day on a Wednesday night and I believe by faith and open my mouth at the altar and I thought about the sacrifice of Jesus and how he died for a crazy guy like me. Such love that would never let me go!, Why would he give up the ghost and I was so unqualified but I saw something in the love he had for me. My parents couldn't love me like that but here comes one from heaven that was the sacrifice for me, and the little I knew I thought about it and the tears flowed. I spoke in tongues as the holy ghost give utterance. So tell that devil you ain't taking me down on a guilt trip and a trip to my past I want to talk to the church this morning, some folks just have one experience and were baptized but then sit on a bench to warm it and sit in a dead church but you never heard anything from God in a while. The holy ghost was not operating in their life as it should. The bible said it was noised abroad as an atomic bomb dropped in Jerusalem. Authority and power were granted to the believers, some of us sitting in a dead church, and every now and then you want to feel the power of the holy ghost, and I am not talking about an emotion that you get a quickening now and then you have to wait for another injection. It's not like that it moves all week. You say you have the holy ghost and you don't see any fire and no change? The holy ghost leads you and every now and then you need a refilling of the Holy Ghost as in acts 4: 29

You don't need to have anyone to pass you fill but when you receive it you will know. You don't need to wait or the Holy ghost it already came. The only time he said to wait was to his disciples now you don't have to wait believe and receive it.