

WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - MAY 27, 2018

TOPIC: Understanding Seven Great Bible Paradoxes

Sermon 6: *To Believe Is To See!*

TEXT: John 20:24-31

INTRO: Faith Is Paradoxical!

I. WHAT IS FAITH?

"Faith"= in Hebrews 11 is the Greek word "pistis," meaning, "firm persuasion or belief in the trustworthiness and faithfulness of God."

- Chuck Swindoll!

II. WHY IS FAITH IMPORTANT?

Note: Under this critical question, we will see three kinds of faith!

1. **SAVING** faith - You cannot be saved without this kind of faith! - Eph. 2:8
 - A. You receive forgiveness of sin - Acts 10:43
 - B. You become God's child - John 1:12 cf. 8:44
 - C. You receive eternal life - John 3:16
2. **TRUSTING** faith - You cannot have joy without this kind of faith! - I Peter 1:7-8 cf. John 20:20b & 25b
3. **LIVING** faith - You cannot please God without this kind of faith! - Hebrews 11:6 cf. John 20:28
"Faith is very important because it honors God, and God honors faith!"

III. WHAT MUST WE DO WITH OUR FAITH AS CHRISTIANS?

1. Share our faith - II Corinthians 4:13-14
How?
 - A. Through our LIPS - Romans 10:17
 - B. Through our LIVES - Matthew 5:16
 - St. Francis of Assisi!
"The unbelieving world cannot refute a changed, clean, and consistent Christian life!"
 - C. Through our LUCRE (Money) - II Cor. 9:6-7
2. Live by faith - Galatians 2:20
3. Continue in the faith - Colossians 1:23

CONCLUSION: God can change your doubt into faith!

By Faith Not Sight!

Sometimes I'm sad, I know not why
My heart is sore distressed;
It seems the burden of this world
Have settled on my heart.
And yet I know...I know that God
Who doeth all things right
Will lead me thus to understand
To walk by FAITH...not SIGHT.

And though I may not see the way
He's planned for me to go...
The way seems dark to me just
But oh, I'm sure He knows!
Today He guides my feeble step
Tomorrow's in His right...
He has asked me to never fear...
But walk by FAITH...not SIGHT.

Someday the mists will roll away,
The sun will shine again.
I'll see the beauty in the flowers,
I'll hear the bird's refrain.
And then I'll know my Father's hand
Has led the way to light
Because I placed my hand in His
And walked by FAITH...not SIGHT.
- Ruth A. Morgan

Verse For Today

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed!" - John 20:29b

Food For Thought

"Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe!" - Augustine

