

LIVING FAITH
A Daily Commitment
Hebrews 11:5-6

INTRODUCTION

A. A Living Faith.

1. Expansive, involves a continual growing, just as our children grow, 1 Peter 2:2.
 - a. “... like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ...”
2. Extensive, involves many essential elements, more than just “I believe”.
3. Expensive, costs material goods, time abilities, and even our life (Luke 18:22).
 - a. “... sell all that you possess, ... and come follow Me.”

B. Our study of Enoch.

1. We really know very little about Enoch.
 - a. 7th generation of Adam. Gen. 5; Jude 14
 - b. Recorded in the genealogy of Jesus. Lk. 3:23-38
 - c. He prophesied to a wicked generation. Jude 14-15
 - d. And he did not die. Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:24
2. But what we do know helps us understand his place in the “hall of faith”.

I. ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD.

A. Enoch's Walk with God.

1. His walk is recorded:
 - a. Genesis 5:22, 24
 - b. Hebrews 11:5, “...he was pleasing to God.”
2. He walked with God for 300 years.
 - a. The text [**by faith**] indicates that he perceived that God’s life-giving hand had blessed him, “... a rewarder of those who seek Him.” Heb. 11:5-6
 - b. Perhaps he realized the importance of a spiritual relationship in their lives.
 - c. We do know that he was purposed and determined to live to God.
 - d. The word “walked” [Heb.] is used one other time – to describe Noah’s walk with God, Gen. 6:9.

B. Condition of the World.

1. According to Genesis 6:5 – a lost world.
 - a. “The wickedness of man was great on the earth ...”
 - b. “... Every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”
 - c. **A lost world.**
2. We have the record of Adam and Eve’s sin in the Garden, Gen. 3.
3. We read how Cain killed Abel, Gen. 4.
4. Polygamy is introduced (4:19) and further killing (4:23-24).
5. But, Enoch lived his life “pleasing to God”.

C. Walking With God.

1. Righteous and blameless, Gen. 6:9.
2. Psalm 15:1-2, integrity, righteousness, truth.
3. Seeking to please Him, Colossians 1:10; 2 Timothy 2:15.
4. Walk with a growing faith, 2 Peter 1:8.

- a. Ephesians 4:15, grow up in the Lord.
 - b. Hebrews 5:12-13
5. **Daily walking with God!**

II. ENOCH MADE A DIFFERENCE.

- A. Enoch Taught the World.
 - 1. Jude 14-15
 - a. Jude prophesied the coming of the Lord.
 - b. Prophesied is to declare the mind and counsel of God.
 - 2. Matthew 28:19-20
- B. Enoch Taught by the Life He Lived.
 - 1. It was witnessed [*could be seen*], Heb. 11:5.
 - 2. A life of faith, integrity, and purity [*light!*], Matthew 5:16.
 - a. *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*
 - b. **Walk with God!**
- C. Enoch Taught by His Departing.
 - 1. God took him. One other, Elijah, 2 Kings 2:1, 11.
 - 2. It teaches the realm of existence beyond this life.
 - a. Up to this point – when you are dead, you’re dead.
 - b. Hebrews 9:27, *"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, ..."*
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
 - d. 2 Peter 3:9-10, the day of the Lord.

CLOSING

- A. Mastering sin is the way to divine approval.
 - 1. Walking pure and holy – blameless before God.
- B. God does provide a way – through His Word.
 - 1. Romans 6:23, gift of eternal life.
 - 2. Ephesians 2:8-10, blood of Jesus Christ, grace and faith.
 - 3. Luke 9:23, take up cross daily