

Bethel Bible Series

Faith

New Testament Week 12

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - How do people try to justify the wrongs they do?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - Justification

Words on the Street - God's Word teaches us otherwise:

We are all going to the same place.

It makes no difference what a person believes as long as he is sincere.

Now there's someone who deserves to go to heaven.

Definitions

Salvation - Being saved from deserved eternal damnation, given eternal life

Righteousness - Perfect conformance to God's standards, be right with God

Justification - God's judicial act in counting the faithful righteous

Sanctification - To be made holy, set free from burden of sin to do God's work

Justification

Figure Facing Heaven's Light = Christian sees Bible as authority on life & faith

Figures Standing on Barren Earth = God won't accept sinful into His kingdom

Golden City = God acted through Christ to justify sinners in His eyes

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22:1-14)

God the Father has prepared a wonderful feast celebrating His Son's wedding

The invited guests, the Jews, have rejected their invitations

They even attacked and killed His servants, the prophets

God called other servants, the apostles, to invite everyone they could find

Wedding clothes of justification are given to sanctify all to be in the king's presence

Those who refuse to wear these wedding clothes through faith are sent out

Distracting Bubbles

Figures Reaching for Bubbles = Man seeks justification in ways that can't justify

Mortarboard and Book = Not justified by Human Wisdom

Law Tablets and Scales = Not justified by Works of the Law or Morality

Ivory Tower = Not justified by Idealism and Noble Intentions

Microscope and Vials = Not justified by Self-Efforts

Bubbles Reflect Heaven's Light = Bubble things are good, but do not justify

Pathway From Mountaintop = We're justified by what God did thru Christ

Figure in White Robe Extends Arms Heavenward = Justification is thru faith

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Lesson - Faith

Benefits of Faith

What is the greatest blessing of faith?

Romans 4:5 = faith will be credited as righteousness

Mark 16:16 = he who believes and is baptized shall be saved

Hebrews 11:5 = By faith Enoch did not experience death

Understanding is enlarged

Hebrews 11:3 = By faith we understand the world was created by God's Word

Proverbs 1:7 = The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

1 Corinthians 2:14 = man who does not accept the Spirit cannot understand

Blessings are given

Hebrews 11:6 = God rewards those with faith who seek Him

Matthew 9:2 = To the paralytic, *Your sins are forgiven*

Matthew 15:28 = To the mother, *You have great faith! Your request is granted*

Matthew 17:20 = *have faith as a mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible*

Matthew 21:21-22 = *If you believe, you will receive what you ask in prayer*

Hebrews 11:31 = By faith Rahab was not killed with the disobedient

Divine Responsibilities are accepted

Hebrews 11:4 = By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice

Hebrews 11:7 = By faith Noah, when warned of things not seen, built an ark

Hebrews 11:8-10 = By faith Abraham obeyed, not knowing where he would go

Hebrews 11:17-19 = By faith Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice

God's Plan is understood

Hebrews 11:13-16 = By faith patriarchs welcomed promises from a distance

Hebrews 11:20-21 = By faith Isaac & Jacob blessed their sons

Hebrews 11:22 = By faith Joseph spoke of the exodus

Persecution is tolerated

Hebrews 11:24-26 = By faith Moses chose to be mistreated with the people

Hebrews 11:35-40 = Others were tortured, flogged, stoned, destitute ... for their faith

Fear and Frustration are calmed

Hebrews 11:23 = By faith Moses' parents were not afraid of the king's edict

Hebrews 11:27-28 = By faith Moses left Egypt and kept the Passover

Romans 5:1 = Since we have been justified by faith we have peace with God

Miracles are produced

Matthew 9:22 = To the bleeding woman, *Your faith has healed you*

Hebrews 11:11-12 = By faith Abraham was enabled to become a father

Hebrews 11:29 = By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land

Hebrews 11:30 = By faith the walls of Jericho fell

Victories are won

Hebrews 11:32-34 = Faith of judges, kings & prophets

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What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 = *Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see*

Notitia = Knowledge

Romans 10:1-3 = Israelites zeal is not based on knowledge

Romans 10:14-15, 17 = Faith comes from hearing the message

1 Timothy 4:6 = ... in the truths of the faith & of the good teaching ...

Assensus = Assent (believe)

Romans 10:16-18 = Not all Israelites accepted ... of course they heard

Acts 17:32-34 = When told of the resurrection, some sneered & some believed

Ephesians 1:13 = After hearing the Word you believed and were marked

Fiducia = Trust

Romans 10:9-11 = Confess, believe & trust and you will be saved

2 Kings 18:5-7 = Hezekiah trusted in the Lord; he held fast & kept commands

Proverbs 3:5-6 = Trust in the Lord with all your heart ...

Jeremiah 17:5, 7 = Cursed is he who trusts in man; blessed is he who trusts in God

Faith - Picture Concepts

Three Hands = The 3 elements of an adult faith

Notitia = Knowledge

Assensus = Assent

Fiducia = Trust

Dead Wreath by Notitia = Knowledge alone does not constitute faith

Acts 24:22, 25-26 = Felix knew the truth but did not accept it

Dead Wreath by Assensus = Combination of knowledge & assent do not make faith

James 2:19 = Even Satan and his demons believe in God, but are not saved

Flowered Wreath by Fiducia = With knowledge, assent & trust, faith is born

John 14:1, 6-7, 11-12 = Trust in Jesus, knowing & believing in Him, and have powerful faith

White Flowers on Wreath = Faith gets purer as knowledge, assent & trust grow deeper & stronger

1 Peter 2:2 = Crave pure spiritual milk so your faith will grow

Spiral of light around upper hand = Faith is a gift of God

Faith is a Gift of God

Ephesians 2:8 = by grace you have been saved through faith, it is the gift of God

Galatians 3:23-25 = Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the law

1 Corinthians 3:5-7 = Paul planted, Apollos watered, God made it grow

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 12 and Assignment 13

Next Week - 1 & 2 Thessalonians