

Outline – May 24, 2020
Hebrew 11:1-6
The Faith That Pleases God
Psalm 97:6-9

Faith Is Needed Now More Than Ever

- I. Faith is often the brunt of criticism**
 - A. Blind optimism (not)
 - B. Positive thinking (not)
 - C. A feeling of hope (not)
 - D. A blind leap into the darkness (not)
 - E. Wishful thinking with no substance (not)
- II. Faith is something we all need, and practice**
 - A. Faith is needed during difficult seasons
 - B. Faith is needed in lasting relationships
 - C. Faith is needed to grow and achieve and overcome
 - D. Faith is needed to please God
- III. Faith is based on evidence (knowledge)**
 - A. Teaches us to look at the creation of God as evidence for God
 - B. Purpose and design means a creator is involved
 - C. Cosmology is found throughout the Bible
 - 1. Genesis 1:1
 - 2. Psalm 19
 - 3. Isaiah 44:24
 - 4. John 1:1
 - 5. Romans 1:20
 - 6. Colossians 1:16
 - D. The science of divine creation
 - 1. Space-time theorem
 - 2. A cosmic beginning

- 3. The casual agent
- 4. A transcendent God
- 5. An expanding universe
- 6. Laws of Physics
- 7. Dark energy
- 8. A “fine-tuned” galaxy
- 9. Anthropic principle
- 10. The law of decay (entropy)

IV. The effect of faith

- A. Glory to God
- B. Pleasing to God
- C. Serving God

V. Essence of faith

- A. Based on evidence
- B. Clings to promises of God
- C. Can see what other’s can’t
- D. Recognizes another realm we did not know existed
- E. Hope becomes our substance

VI. Example of faith

- A. Noah believed God
- B. Moses refused to be called the grandson of Pharaoh
- C. By faith Daniel took on Goliath

God Gives Us Knowledge To Grow In Faith

Faith That Pleases Him and Blesses Us