LIVING BY FAITH

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

1. All men believe (in) something.

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

2. Faith in God is simply believing God.

Tit. 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; 1 Corinthians 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

3. Faith is relying on the character of God.

1 John 4:18-19 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Eph. 2:4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us... Psalms 86:15-16 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. 16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;

4. Faith is believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Phil. 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves... 1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

5. Faith is trusting in the Word of God.

Habakkuk 2:3-4 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Psalms 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.