

“And Abraham Believed God: The Man of Faith” (Part 3)
What Does A Faith Led Life Look Like?
Hebrews 12:1-3

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified....Let no one seek his own good (with his freedom), but the good (spiritual good) of his neighbor.” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:24)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is (what is most valuable to you), there your heart (your emotions) will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God (the basis of our love and generosity), to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind (biblical thinking), that by testing you may discern what is the will of God (biblical living), what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (the goal).” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

→Doing what I love brings me joy! All action on the planet is because of love for something!

♥ *I love people being saved, and being reconciled with God and His bride because it glorifies the purpose of Christ's coming!*

I love building treasure in heaven because it shows the supremacy of Christ over the world and eternal life over temporal life.

I love offering my whole life to Christ because it shows there is nothing more important to give myself to than Christ and His purposes.

♥ *I love being generous in my time and resources because it shows the supremacy of the work of Christ to justify, sanctify, and glorify His bride.*

- Hebrews 12:1-3
 - *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses....” (Hebrews 11:6,25-26,34-38)*
 - *“Let us lay aside every weight (something that is a bulk or mass of something; not good or bad), and sin (doubt) which clings so closely....”*
 - Minimal holiness and reward: “Is it sin?”
 - Maximal holiness and reward: “Will it grow my love/passion for Christ?”
 - *“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us....”*
 - Endurance: Steady determination to keep running. Refusing to give up or stop running. Pressing on even when you want to give up. Having faith even when it makes no sense. *“No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.” (Romans 4:20-21)*

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Worship: Grace Alone — The Modern Post
Speak, O Lord — The Gettys

Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music
Closing Song: How Deep — Kings Kaleidoscope

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- “*Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith....*”
 - Jesus is the supreme example of *immovable faith*; He starts our faith and brings our *faith to completion*. We must fully *rely on Christ by faith!*
 - “*Who for the joy that was set before Him....*”:
 - We live for Christ, despite the hardship, because Christ is worth it!! The exaltation is way beyond the suffering! “*For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.*” (2 Corinthians 4:17)
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Announcements:

★**SUNDAY TEACHING CLASS:** We will be starting a new Sunday teaching class NEXT Sunday, January 22nd. This class will be an 8 week course entitled “A Biblical View of Prayer” and will be taught by Elder Zach. This class will be held every Sunday, for 8 weeks, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the back table for those who are interested in participating in this class!

★**CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a business meeting NEXT Sunday, January 22nd, immediately following the worship service to discuss the 2023 Church Budget. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next baptism service will be Sunday, February 5th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the Elders.

★**SOTERIOLOGY (PRACTICUM COURSE):** Starting in two weeks, on Monday, January 30th, we will be starting a new course of study in the Practicum: Soteriology — the theology of salvation. This particular course is open to ANYONE in the church who would like to audit the class. The Practicum is held every Monday from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Soteriology course will run for 9-10 weeks, and will be taught by Pastor Jeremy and Elder Richard. If you are interested in auditing this class or if you have any questions about this class, please see Elder Richard!