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*"And this is the message we have
received of Him, and declare
unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*

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Trust Not In Uncertain Riches

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I am sure all have seen the devastation from the Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and Florida. Often while watching news reports of the devastation and the terrible losses that individuals have suffered, we wonder how these people will cope with such losses. In 1 Timothy 6:17, Paul tells Timothy to charge the rich not to "trust in uncertain riches, but the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

God's word is full of instruction concerning our misplacing of value on temporal or the physical things of life. One incident of this instruction is in Luke 12:15 where Christ taught, "...for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." If those who have suffered catastrophic losses are among those that place their emphasis in this life upon obtaining earthly possessions, then, their lives will be ruined. In some of these cases, people may have worked for years to obtain the things which are now no longer here. Indeed, our sympathy is with anyone that experiences such a loss, but God's word warns us of the temporary nature of these treasures. In Matthew 6:19-20, Christ taught in the sermon on the mount about a man having his treasures on earth where they will decay and where loss may take place. In verse 20, Christ said, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." In Luke 16, we see another occasion that Christ taught about the danger of emphasizing earthly riches. In the incident of the rich man and Lazarus, Christ said that the rich man "was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day"(v. 19). As he continued in verse 20, he introduced the beggar named Lazarus "full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores." Truly, the rich man had all the comforts of life, and Lazarus had a very tough and problematic life. Christ then tells that both of these men died. Lazarus had trusted God in his life and enjoyed the blessings of paradise, but the rich man, although he had everything he wanted to cheer him in his earthly life,

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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found no comfort being in torment. He had trusted in riches in his life. As we sojourn upon this earth, we need to recognize that true riches are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-ff).

May we each be thankful for the abundant blessings that God bestows on us. Let us use our blessings to help those who have had their lives turned upside down by the Hurricanes. But ultimately let us remember to put our trust in God. The psalmist declared "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling" (Psalm 46:1-3). May we ever be mindful not to "trust in uncertain riches," for we may have them today and be gone tomorrow. Let us put our trust in God who sustains us in this life (Acts 17:28) as we look "for a city...whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10).



Faith: What Is It?

Ken Weliever

Henri Rechatin was a celebrated French tightrope walker who amazed audiences with his high-wire act as he walked across Niagara Falls in the 1970's.

Once he crossed from the American to the Canadian side pushing a wheelbarrow with a grooved wheel. At the conclusion of this breath-taking fete, he was met with thunderous applause. Rechatin then asked a little boy who was filled with wonderment, if he believed he could push him across the Falls in the wheelbarrow.

"Yes," replied the little fellow.

"Then, get in," invited Rechatin.

The little boy literally ran.

Another time, he invited a volunteer in the crowd to ride piggyback across the wire. A young lady, Janych, volunteered. She later became his wife. (I suppose, if you have that much confidence in a man, you can trust him to be your husband!)

The reaction of the little boy and Janych illustrate what faith is and what it isn't. Real faith is demonstrated in action. A theoretical faith runs when tested and tried.

Last night it was a privilege to be with the brethren at the Twin Cities Church in College Station and address the topic and answer "Faith: What is it?" Here are the main points from that lesson.

- **Faith is trust. Confidence. Allegiance.**

Faith is taking God at his word. Paul said his preaching was "not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:3-5).

Faith is a firm persuasion and strong conviction in the "one faith" (Ephesians 4:4). It is faith in "the faith" (Romans 5:1-2) that justifies us with God.

- **Faith is the ability to see the unseen**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). An unknown writer expressed it this way: "Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible." Through the eye of faith, we see God. We see Jesus. We see beyond this world into the next life.

- **Faith the foundation of our hope.**

The writer uses the word "substance" which carries the idea of support. It is the substructure. The base. Our faith is not founded on fables, fiction or feelings. It is founded on facts. Upon the solid evidence of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

- **Faith is the key to God's approval.**

"Without faith, it is impossible to please God," affirmed the Hebrew writer (Hebrews 11:6). God is not interested in us just following rules and reciting religious rituals. He desires a deep-seated faith in Him. His Word. And His Son.

- **Faith is a product of our thoughts.**

If we become what we think about (Proverbs 23:7), then our thoughts need to be focused on the Word of God. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). When our thoughts are guided by God's revealed righteousness, we will become people of greater faith.

- **Faith triggers action.**

Note the people of faith in Hebrews 11. They sought God and expressed their faith in activity and action.

Abel offered.
 Enoch walked.
 Noah prepared.
 Abraham went.
 Isaac blessed.
 Moses refused.
 Joshua fought.
 Rahab received.
 Daniel prayed.

True faith always moves you to do. To do what God commands.

- **Faith is the yardstick by which your portion in life will be measured.**

To the two blind men who cried for mercy, Jesus asked, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

"Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." (Matthew 9:27-29)

Jesus demonstrated that we receive what we believe. This is a principle seen in every area of life. It is true spiritually.

Faith is obeying when I don't understand it.

Faith is persisting when I don't feel like it

Faith is thanking before I receive it.

"Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).

~via *The Preacherman*; Lewisville, Texas.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

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8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

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News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Bobbie Adcock	Mike Ogles
Donna Wright	Gayle Ball
Doris Lovell	Ann Bush
Patsy Thomas	Cindy Glass
Linda Jones	Wayne Gooch

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Irene Inman
Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Priscilla Tucker	Phillip Harwell
Jenny Pickens	Ella Melvin
Daniel Ogles	Everette "Bud" Dollar
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Una King Currier
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Bobby McLemore	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Nelva Reed, rm. 61
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Oneal Martin, rm. 81	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	Mable Crafts, rm. 39
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Christine Hudson, rm. 77

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
 Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
 Wynnell Casteel, at home
 Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

Updates:

Helen Blankenship has been feeling better this week ...
JoAnn Gilbert returned home from rehab on Thursday and is doing well...*Bobbie Adcock* went to the doctor on Friday for her back and will continue to treat her with injections in her back...*Ruby Dean Ezell* is scheduled for a MRI on Monday...*Donna Wright* received a good report from her follow-up visit to her doctor on

Wednesday.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Remember our young people that are away in college:

Brettlyn Currier, at Auburn University

Keenon Currier, at the University of Alabama

Austin Hobson, at the University of North Alabama

Griffin Holt, at the University of Alabama

Drew Ogles, at Auburn University

Christian Usery, at LaGrange College

Elizabeth Usery, at Mississippi State University.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group One will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group tonight.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Jerry McGlocklin and all the family* in passing of Jerry's brother-in-law, *John Albert "Jay" Campbell*, this past Monday. His funeral was Thursday afternoon at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery...We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of *Jim Sasser*. Brother Sasser passed away on Wednesday. Brother Sasser had preached the gospel for many years until his health did not allow him to continue the work. His funeral was yesterday afternoon at Limestone Chapel. He was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Morris's: Marcus & Bonnie* are in Kentucky this weekend on vacation...*The Userys: Steve, Allison & Matthew* are in LaGrange, Georgia this weekend.

GOSPEL MEETING: The *Anderson church* in Anderson will be having a gospel meeting this week. It will begin today and continue through Wednesday. *Dee Bowman of Pasadena, Texas* will be the speaker.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Sept. 10th

Sunday: Bible Classes 142
Morning Worship 176
Evening Worship 117

Wednesday: Bible Classes 95



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
Song LeaderTommy Burns
Prayer.....Steve Usery
Preaching.....Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Joel Hamm
AssistingMike Ogles
ServingHeath DollarClayton Hamm
.....Charles VaughnKenneth Adams
Closing PrayerArvid McGuire

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Tommy Coblentz
Song LeaderTony Thomas
Prayer.....A. J. Price
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's SupperJoel Hamm
Closing PrayerLarry Holt

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 17th:

Ushers.....Ashton Gatlin/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams

Wednesday, September 20th:

Song LeaderLarry Holt
Bible Reading2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
.....Terry Andrews
Prayer.....Ashton Gatlin
InvitationDavid Cox
Closing PrayerJames Johnson

Sunday, September 24th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Joel Hamm
Song LeaderTyler Cox
Prayer.....Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding.....Keith Hinkle
AssistingMarcus Morris
ServingDanny HoltMathew Usery
.....Matthew VaughnHeath Dollar
Closing PrayerMarty Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Joel Hamm
Song LeaderAshton Gatlin
Prayer.....Kenneth Adams
Preaching.....Song Service
Lord's SupperKeith Hinkle
Closing PrayerTommy Burns

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 24th:

Ushers.....Jerry McGlocklin/A. J. Price
Work Sound System.....Nathaniel Adams