## The Supremacy of Jesus Christ Living by Faith

Hebrews 10:38

Living life is like running a race, a long distance endurance footrace. Life has moments of great pleasure and joy along with unpleasant moments of disappointment and sadness. One day is great while the next day is full of tension, stress and uncertainty. How are we to run this race of life?

Now the just shall live by faith...

Faith in who God is, faith in what He has done and faith in what He has promised. But what is faith, how do we live by it, how do we even now we have faith?

## I. LIVING BY FAITH - The Exhortation Exhorted To Stay The Course

**Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. **28** Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. **29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? **30** For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." **31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Don't turn back – How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...
Chap.2:3; ...Evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God... Chap.3:12-14;
...Impossible to renew those who fall away... Chap.6:4-6
Parable of the Sower – Mt.13:18-23 No understanding – No root – Cares of this world
Rejects Jesus – Disregards His Sacrifice – Offends The Holy Spirit (Mark 3:28-29)
Encouraged to Remember – Remain Focused – Endure to the End

**Hebrews 10:32** But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: **33** partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; **34** for you had compassion on me in my chains, and

joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. **35** Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. **36** For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: **37** "For yet a little while, *and* He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

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Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; but if *anyone* draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him." **39** But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

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## **II. LIVING BY FAITH – The Description With Examples The Description**

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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Faith = belief, conviction, confidence, trust

Hebrews 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. 7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. NKJV

Faith originates with God who spoke (rhema) and all was created Faith trusts God, who He is, what He has done and what He has promised Faith shapes one's life – Faith obeys God – Faith alone pleases God BY FAITH

Worship God – Walk with God – Work for God The same faith that delivers some enables others to go through it – faith is not a bridge over troubled waters but through them...

## III. LIVE BY FAITH - JESUS CHRIST the Captain of LIVING BY FAITH

**Hebrews 12:1** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2 looking unto Jesus**, the **author and finisher of** *our* **faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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King Jesus lived by faith and completed His race – He knows this course of life and how to run it by faith until the course is finished – Hear, Trust & Obey HIM!

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