

The Lord's Day

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**“Our Christian Faith”  
Hebrews 11:1-8**

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Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-8

Text: Hebrews 11:1

Introduction:

1. Not everyone has Christian faith.
  - a. Much of world has no knowledge of Christianity.
  - b. We call ourselves Christians.
  - c. What as Christians do we believe?
  
- I. What we Christians believe
  1. God
    - a. Most everyone believes in first cause
      1. Believe in natural laws
      2. Universe came into being
    - b. We believe this first cause to be God
      1. A personality, not mere law or chance
    - c. Took wisdom
      1. Water change
      2. Plant life, oxygen and hydrogen
    - d. We believe this God is our Father
      1. Silas says most important thing about God is His love.
      2. He cares for me.
      3. Boy overboard on ship found to be doctor's son.
      4. We are God's children.
    - e. Here is something we Christians believe.
  2. Sin
    - a. Men are out of harmony with this God.
      1. Do not care for Him.
      2. Not obey His wishes.
    - b. We believe this lack of obedience to Him brings all the trouble in the world.
      1. If anyone loved and obeyed Him would have heaven on earth
    - c. This we call sin.
    - d. It will send one finally to live eternally out of the presence of this God.
  3. Christ
    - a. God did not want men to be lost.
      1. Men may have thought so.
    - b. Sent Christ

1. We believe He was God, not man.
2. Seems strange to many, but we believe it.
- c. He showed love of God.
- d. He died to save from sin.
4. We believe we are saved from sin.
  - a. Not what we do
    1. Not good
  - b. What Christ did for us
    1. Silas said greatest thing Christians had to believe was that God saved us if we had faith in Christ.
  - c. What I told Bill Pullen – “I knew where he was going because he had faith in Christ, was trusting Him to do all needed to be done for his salvation. I knew Christ was able to do it.”
5. He will sustain.
  - a. All have troubles.
    1. It comes because we are human beings and live on this earth.
  - b. But some have a power, others do not have to meet these troubles.
    1. We believe this
  - c. God puts arms around and helps.
6. Heaven
  - a. All die
    1. We believe this
  - b. Some go to Father’s home, heaven
  - c. We believe death is a victory for them.
7. As I see it these are the great cardinal secrets of Christians.
  - a. What a glorious thing to believe them.
8. But upon what foundation does our faith rest?
  - a. Faith must have a basis.
    1. We are not blind to facts, truth, etc.
  - b. What is our faith based on?

## II. Revelation

1. Other religions have been founded upon the philosophy or teachings of mere man.
2. The Christian religion is based upon the foundation of the revelation of God.
3. He revealed Himself to Moses.
  - a. Created heavens and earth
  - b. His will as to how to live
    1. Ten Commandments
  - c. His holiness
4. To the prophets
5. Through Christ
  - a. Can here know all need to know about Him
6. Our faith not founded upon thoughts of men.

## III. Authority

1. This revelation must have authority.

2. Bible is our authoritative declaration of this revelation.
  - a. Some reasons believe it is true.
    1. Cannot give many
  - b. Nothing contrary to itself
3. Must not surrender this authority.
  - a. What Catholic bishop told Dr. McAfee – “Protestants would cease to be a church unless held on to authority of Bible.”

IV. Experience

1. Silas said, “Knew these things were true because he felt in his heart they were so.”
2. Some of us have experienced these things.
  - a. Answered prayer
  - b. Strength from fellowship with God
  - c. Strength to meet life’s troubles
    1. Lucy Lacy
    2. Virginia Withers
3. To face death
  - a. Mother
    1. Not afraid

Conclusion:

1. It is your privilege to believe these things.
2. To have sure basis.