

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Faith Hall of Fame

There are many who claim to believe in science...

- Who **will not believe** what they cannot touch & see
- What determines **what we will believe?**
- The prevalent world view around us?
- Or **God – whom we cannot see?**

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John 20:19-29,

- **Vs. 25, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”**
- Thomas decided what **he would not believe!**

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Vs. 27-29, Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. **Do not be unbelieving, but believing.**” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”
(**John 17:20,** “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word”)

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Hebrews 12:1-2, 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,** 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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Who are they, and **will we be like them?**

- **Acts 1:8,** “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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

- **Will we own as real what we do not have yet, and cannot see?**

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Hebrews 11:2 – By faith we obtain a good testimony (not by what we touch & see)

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Hebrews 11:3 – By faith we understand God created of the Universe (Genesis 1:1-31)

- **John 1:1-3,** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**
- **We believe it, or we don't. That doesn't change anything.**

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Hebrews 11:4 – By faith we make offerings acceptable to God

- Not based on what anyone else thinks, has or does
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Hebrews 11:5 – By faith we have our testimony that pleases God

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Hebrews 11:6 – By faith we diligently seek God, trusting in His favor

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Hebrews 11:7 – By faith we prepare for God’s promised future...

- And become **heirs** of His righteousness

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Hebrews 11:8-9 – By faith we leave what we’ve known, going to His promises...

- Sight unseen, **as foreigners** traveling **between the two**
- Knowing **His inheritance** awaits us

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Hebrews 11:10 – By faith we wait for what **only God can do**

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Hebrews 11:11 – By faith we believe God is faithful, beyond human possibility

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Hebrews 11:12-13 – By faith we trust God’s promises through us will be fulfilled...

- Long after our bodies have expired, knowing our time here is temporary

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Hebrews 11:14-16 – By faith we have **no desire** for our former life

- Wanting only **our heavenly destination** with God & **His destiny for us**

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Hebrews 11:17-19 – By faith we **willingly sacrifice** what is most valuable to us

- Counting on God to **raise from the dead** anything He calls us to entrust to Him

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Hebrews 11:20-21 – By faith we **impart to our descendants** as God directs us

- Both physical & spiritual (**II Timothy 1:6**)

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Hebrews 11:22 – By faith we **make known our will** for our remains after death...

- Relieving them of bearing the burden of decision

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Hebrews 11:23 – By faith we **obey God in defiance** of governmental authority

- **Acts 4:18-20**

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Hebrews 11:24-27 – By faith we **forsake our godless culture...**

- At the cost of either **persecution** or **reward**
- Choosing **Christ’s suffering & reward** as the greater treasure
- **Matthew 5:10-12**

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Hebrews 11:28 – By faith we **entrust our lives to God’s sacrificial Lamb**, in the face of death

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Hebrews 11:29 – By faith we **follow God safely** through impossible obstacles & threats

- **Psalm 23:4**

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Hebrews 11:30-31 – By faith we **Obey God without question**

- And **honor promises made in His behalf** to any who believe in Him

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Hebrews 11:32-35a – By faith we **place no limits on what God can do** in any situation

- **Daniel 3:13-25**, We can’t be delivered without being thrown in the fire
- **Luke 1:34-38**, “For with God nothing will be impossible.” Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! **Let it be to me according to your word.**” And the angel departed from her.

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Hebrews 11:35b-38 – By faith we **suffer willingly with Christ** if need be...

- **Philippians 3:10**

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Hebrews 11:39 – By faith we **obtain a testimony like theirs...**

- Whether His promises are fulfilled here & now, or then in heaven with Him
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Without our faith in Christ, we will become weary and discouraged

- Especially **striving, as He did**, in behalf of **the sin of others**
- He had no sin of His own to strive against
- If we are striving against our own sin, **rather than surrendering it to Him in faith...**
- Striving in behalf of the sin of others will crush us

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