

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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### PART 29: FAITH AND LOVE

#### **FAITH AND LOVE**

The natural man in an unsaved condition doesn't have faith nor can he know what faith is. **1 Corinthians 2:14**

Human rulers on earth have two ways to make people work or fight for them. They can make men into slaves or hire them for wages.

Love and faith are the two motivations in the kingdom of God:

1. The love of God compels the believer in Christ to serve God. **John 14:15**
2. Faith is generated by the word of God. **Romans 10:17**

The relationship between a man and his wife is based upon faith. Your spouse must trust in your love and that it will not cease to exist. Infidelity destroys all faith and trust.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the bridegroom and all saved people are the bride. **Revelation 19:1-9**

**IF A PERSON DOESN'T LOVE GOD, HE CANNOT HAVE FAITH IN GOD!**

#### **PAUL'S DEFINITION OF FAITH**

We have examined the heroes of faith listed in Hebrews chapter 11 and Paul stated that it through faith that God's people accomplished their supernatural deeds on the earth. **Hebrews 11:32-34**

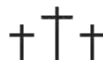
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were brought to Babylon as slaves. Eventually they were given positions to rule, but they were still slaves. They loved the Lord with all their heart even though they had seen Jerusalem and the temple destroyed. When they had to make a choice of being loyal to God or worshipping the statue of Nebuchadnezzar, their response showed they would not abandon God regardless of the threat. **Daniel 3:1-12**

They refused to bow their knees to an idol because of their love and faith in God. **verses 13-18**

Satan raged through Nebuchadnezzar and vowed to destroy them. **verses 19-23**

God honored their commitment and met them in the fire. **verses 24-27**

The end result was that Nebuchadnezzar respected the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **verses 28-30**



Through the ages, believers in Christ have paid dearly for their love and faith in God. With the exception of John, all of the apostles died violent deaths. William Tyndale was burned to death and millions of men and women for the last 1900 years paid with their lives because of their love and faith in God. **Hebrews 11:35-38**

All of them died without seeing the second coming of Christ. **verses 38-40**

### **WHAT ABOUT YOU AND ME?**

Every believer in Christ lives for the hope that Jesus will come back in their lifetime. There will be a generation someday that experiences the second coming and that might be our generation. However, if it doesn't happen, our duty is to serve God with all our might and to love and express our faith in Him by living for him completely. **Matthew 19:27-29**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***