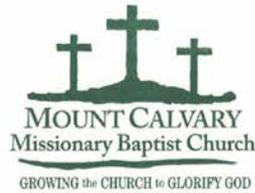


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Wednesday October 25, 2017: 12:00 – 1:00pm

This week lesson subject: Faith part IV, Luke 17: 5, 6, 19

Those who do not have faith cannot see past the physical world around them. They are limited by their temporal circumstances and are blind to what God is doing, but those who open their spiritual eyes can see the realities which transcend this world. Their hope is in God's strength and in His faithfulness. In that hope they find the strength to endure. When it comes to faith, the world scoffs. Faith, at best, seems like a great waste; at worst, it seems almost suicidal. Do we really want to give up all the pleasures of this world for something elusive, or unreasonable? After reminding these immature believers of the superiority of Jesus Christ, the writer of Hebrews, beginning in 10:19 demonstrates for them the superiority of faith in Jesus Christ.

- I. We all need to get our faith strengthened, because, as that grace grows, all other grace grows. The more firmly we believe the teaching of Christ, and the more confidently we rely upon the grace of Christ, the better it will be with us in every way (Ver. 5).
- II. We must acknowledge the weakness and deficiency of our faith, and see the need of Christ's grace for the improvement of our faith (Ver. 5).
- III. Jesus said to His disciples; **"if you had faith as a grain of mustard seed"** you might do wonders much beyond what you now do; nothing would be too hard for you, that was fit to be done for the glory of God (Ver. 6).
- IV. Even faith the size of a tiny mustard seed can do wonderful things. The black mulberry tree has a vast root system that allows it to live up to six hundred years (Ver. 6).
- V. Jesus expect us to give Him thanks for the things that He does for us, He asked the question were there not ten that was heal?
- VI. Jesus commended the one who came back to thank Him for healing him, this man was made whole because of his faith in God (Ver. 19).

Our next week lesson faith part V; will be coming from Matthew 9: 2, 22, 29

The more firmly we believe the doctrine of Christ, and the more confidently we rely upon the grace of Christ, the better it will be with us every way. Let discoveries of faith be more clear, the desires of faith more strong, the dependences of faith more firm and fixed, the dedications of faith more entire and resolute, and the delights of faith more pleasing.