

Family of the Faithful

Hebrews 10:36-39

The Bible

- *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Rom. 10:17 ESV)*
- Two thousand years since Jesus spoke these words.
- We have things being said today that call into question or condemn as wrong and hateful things said in God's word.
- Are the words written 2,000 years ago out of date for us?
- How about the words spoken 4,000 years before Jesus? How out of date are they?

An invitation and a warning:

- *36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*
- *37 For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;*
- *38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*
- *39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. (Heb. 10:36-39 ESV)*

Three other statements about faith:

- *"Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"*
 - *How we know the universe was formed by God's command – what he spoke.*
- *"Without faith it is impossible to please God"*

Honor roll

- Abel – by faith, commended as righteous
- Enoch – pleased God and did not die
- Abraham & Sarah – went, trusted
- Joseph spoke about an event 400 years in the future
- Moses made a choice and trusted
- These faced jeers, floggings, imprisonment, some were killed, some were destitute, persecuted and mistreated.
- They were all commended for their faith.
- Hebrews 12:1-12