

Come let us Grow Together: The Household of Faith

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Galatians 6:7-10

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Christians are to live a life of faith! When faith is in operation it is accompanied by works. Even as we reap what we sow. To sow is to put forth action and to reap is to see the result of the sowing you have put forth action in performing the labor. If you sow to your flesh you will reap corruption as your reward. If you sow to the Spirit you will of the Spirit reap life everlasting as your reward.

When we work let us not grow weary in well doing for we will reap if we faint not. We also as Christians as we have the opportunity, should be doing good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Hebrews 11:1, 6

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Through your faith in God and your diligently seeking him you will be rewarded. However, your faith produced actions of diligence seeking God before the reward will come. Your faith was what you hoped and believed for according to the Bible and having learned and having applied diligence you have the evidence of things not seen even as you know that when you die as a Child of God you will receive eternal life as you are now with the Lord Jesus. However, you had to sow to the Spirit to reap everlasting life by the Spirit.

The Apostle James teaches us how to exercise our faith as well as Hebrews chapter 11.

James 2:20-26

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

The answer is yes he was. But these works that he was justified by were the works of faith. He believed God concerning the promise that God had given to him and to his son Isaac which is found in Genesis 17:19 and reads, "And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

The word wrought means to be a fellow-worker, i.e. co-operate.

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

The Apostle James tells us with examples of how you are justified by the works of faith and not just faith only. He explains to us why this is by telling us that just like the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.