



# THE LYTLE LIGHT

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

— Matthew 5:14a [NKJV]

Believers are appointed to be a lighthouse to others; a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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**Sunday Schedule:** 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship | 12:00PM - Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

**Wednesday Schedule:** 4:00PM—Bible Study <= New "Standard Time" (Winter) Time =>

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New Time!

*With The Advent Of Daylight Saving Time Ending And Standard Time Returning At 2:00AM Sunday, November 3, The Wednesday Night Class Will Start Meeting At 4:00PM*

## 90 SECONDS TIL MIDNIGHT — PART 4, CONCLUSION



Finally, we come to the last part of this article. We've thus far looked at what the phrase "90 Seconds To Midnight" means, and three of the four principles found in 1 Peter 4:7-11 for fearless living in uncertain time: The first principle for living fearlessly comes from verse seven which states, "Be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray." In other words, we must keep our emotions under control in order that we'll be commune with the Father. The second principle is from verse eight which tells us, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." We're to be quick to forgive the stupid or as Tom likes to say, "bone-headed" things people do. The third principle is from verse nine which informs us that we're to "offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." And now, our fourth principle:

**FOURTH PRINCIPLE: USE YOUR GIFTS TO BLESS OTHERS.** "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others" (v. 10).

In that little phrase we learn three things: 1) Every believer has a spiritual

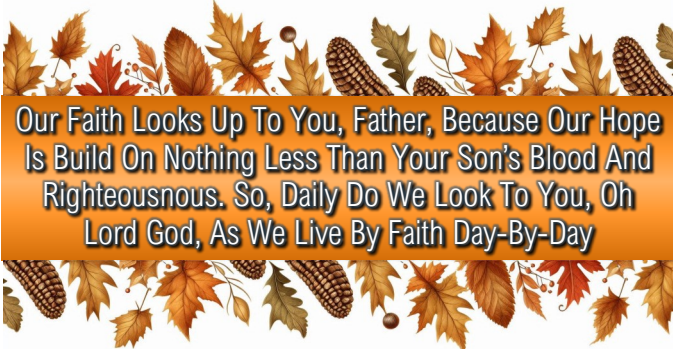
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## WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.



Our Faith Looks Up To You, Father, Because Our Hope Is Build On Nothing Less Than Your Son's Blood And Righteousness. So, Daily Do We Look To You, Oh Lord God, As We Live By Faith Day-By-Day

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Psalms 96:9-13 Sung To "All Hail" No. 106  
Song No. 338—My Faith Looks Up To Thee

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 311—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Song No. 323—Living By Faith

Song No. 180—In Memory Of The Savior's Love



- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 580—Why Keep Jesus Waiting

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 342—O For A Faith...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

## SERMON

— BEING LEFT OUT —

### • SERMON SCRIPTURE •

Luke 6:43-49; Acts 16:30; 1 John 1:7-9; Luke 18:18;  
James 1:6-8; 2 Peter 1:5-10; Hebrews 5:12-14;  
Matthew 25:14-30; Proverbs 6:6-9; Hebrews 5:8-9

### • SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION - (1) "What Must I Do To Be Saved"? |  
(2) The Gospel Objective | (3) Today's Message: How To Be Left Out

- I. Partial To No Commitment
  - A. Rich Young Ruler
  - B. Total Person Required
- II. Avoid Spiritual Nourishment
  - A. Must Grow To Be Saved
  - B. Growth Must Not End
- III. Reject Enthusiasm
- IV. Minimize The Church
  - A. Do Not Use Your Talents
  - B. Let The Church Lay Waste
- V. Live In Sin
  - A. Your Sin Will Find You Out
  - B. Christian Refuse These Things

CONCLUSION - (1) Just Don't Do Anything | (2) Desire God's Salvation | (3) We Can Belong to Him

### • INVITATION •



## WED NIGHT STUDY

New Time!

4:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

— Problems The Church Faced —



## "Table" Fellowship Opportunities

— NOVEMBER 24TH —

- THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL •  
after morning service

— DECEMBER 29TH —

- NEW YEARS EVE SNACKS & GAMES •  
after morning service until . . . ?



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gift, 2) Your gift may not be the same as anyone else's, and 3) You are to use your gift to serve others. Verse 11 categorizes spiritual gifts into two groups — the speaking gifts and the helping gifts. Speaking includes anyone who teaches the Word of God, whether publicly or privately, whether to a group or one-on-one. It includes speaking from a pulpit or in a small group or to a Sunday School class. Peter says, if you speak, make sure you speak the very words of God. Let your words be based on God's Word.

Helping gifts include everything else in the church, such as cooking a meal for a new mother, cleaning up after a church event, driving the bus, counting the offering, stacking chairs in the dining room, serving at a satellite campus, changing diapers in the nursery, visiting the sick, calling a friend on the phone, writing a note of encouragement, giving money, praying, counseling, ushering, singing, or volunteering to drive kids to camp. It includes any of the 1,001 other things that keep the church going. Whatever your gift is, do it in the mighty strength which God supplies.

When you stand before the Lord someday, he is going to ask you, "What did you do with what I gave you?" You won't be quizzed about anyone else, but you will have to give an account of your stewardship.

Ponder these questions:

1. How are you using the gifts God has given you?
2. Who have you helped along the way?
3. Is your church better and stronger because you are here?
4. Are you wasting God's gifts or are you using them for his glory?

In World War II, a French village had a statue of Jesus in their town square. When the bombing came, the statue was damaged, and pieces were

broken off. They stored the pieces, and after the war they began to rebuild the statue. It had cracks now, but they appreciated it even more. To their dismay, the only pieces they couldn't find were the hands of Jesus. That troubled them because the hands had the nail prints and that was significant to them. They thought they would have to take the statue down, until one person placed a gold plaque at the bottom of the statue that read:



*He has no hands but ours.*

*He has no eyes but ours.*

*He has no lips but ours.*

*He has no feet but ours.*

Brethren, we are the body of Christ in the world.

Peter says, "The end of all things is near." We know the end times will be turbulent days. The world will seem to be

turned upside-down. Long-held standards will fall. Men will be afraid. Morals will be jettisoned. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.

Do you know what time it is? It's time to get ready for the coming of the Lord!

In these earthshaking days, clear your mind for prayer.

In these turbulent times, be quick to forgive.

As you see the end approaching, open your home to others.

As the days draw near for the return of Christ, use your spiritual gifts to serve others.

The signs are everywhere. The countdown has begun. Trumpets are ready to sound in heaven as the King prepares to leave his palace. On earth, his children pray with new excitement and new understanding of these words from the Lord's Prayer: "Thy [Heavenly] Kingdom Come."

It won't be long now.

One final word. If Jesus comes back today, will you be ready to meet him? If you say, "I hope so" or "I'm not sure," you aren't ready. If you don't know him, you aren't ready to meet him. But you

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## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World – Hurricanes Helena in NC & Milton in FL*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

### ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

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ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER  
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME  
A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,<sup>[1]</sup>, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW  
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED  
IN THE BULLETIN

## OCTOBER 13

- ◇ Attwood Family [Gail, a friend of Tom McClenan's (who's been attending here)] – Gail lost her mother recently. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She is in PAM Acute Care Hospital at 1604 and IH 10. From there she'll be transferred to Warm Springs Rehab Center on, hopefully, Monday, November 4. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Cardwell, Aubrey [Pat Woodard's sister's daughter, aka, "niece"] – She's been diagnosed with inoperable cancer which is also resistant to both chemical and radiology treatments. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Davis, Randy [Mitch Watkins' best friend from the Navy] – *Praise To GOD!* Not only has he finished his Car T-cell cancer treatment sooner than the expected 6-8 weeks but his doctors have declared him currently cancer free! <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Green, Dori Ann [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] – She's been diagnosed and is suffering from Temporomandibular Joints, aka "TMJ" <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis, a friend of Tom Woodard] – *Praise To GOD!* The surgery to repair her brain floor after her accident several months ago was successful! She's to have one final cosmetic treatment and is expected to make a fully recovery. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Street, Jenna Steet [Niece of Cris Street] – She developed gestational diabetes and has been put on insulin. The plan is to induce her towards the very end of October. Her original due date was Friday, November 15. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She was seen by an ER doctor last week and is now much better. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Vireling, Gene – If he's on schedule he had is 5th and final immunotherapy treatment this past Monday, October 21. *Praise To GOD!* he



has not admitted to experiencing any negative side effects! <sup>[NEW]</sup>

- ◇ Voight, Wayne [Friend of Tom Woodard] – He's been placed into hospice care. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

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## OCTOBER 13

- ◇ Rudy Parra [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] – All went well with his knee surgery on Monday, October 7. <sup>[01]</sup>

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## OCTOBER 13

- ◇ Capshaw, Mike [Cody Smoot's wife Emily's grandfather] – He was supposed to have had cardioversion (heart shock) to bring his heart back into rhythm but his doctors decided not to do so because of some blood clots that were found. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Harpo, Charlotte [Wife of Charlie who is a friend of Tom's] – She suffered a series of mini strokes necessitating rehab in Boerne. <sup>[02]</sup>

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## OCTOBER 6

- ◇ Glaze, Deanna [Watkins' friend] – **Praise To GOD!** she is healing well after having stints implanted for a brain aneurism and has been released from rehab to go home. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Dan'iel [Smoot's granddaughter] – She's started her missionary duties in the Hawaiian Islands. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – **Praise To GOD!** her cataract surgery Wednesday, October 2 went well! <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – She went to the hospital due to her stomach issues. Doctors found a small ulcer. A biopsy was taken to determine if she has H-Pylori. **Praise To GOD!** the results came back negative. <sup>[03]</sup>

## ONGOING CONCERNS

*NOTE: All Concern(s) Above Remain On The Active Detailed List Until Room Is Needed For Newer Concern(s) At Which Time The Concern(s) Which Are Oldest Will Be Moved To This Ongoing List. If I Move Someone To This Ongoing List That You Believe Should Go Back On The Active Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know. All Concern(s) Below Will Remain On This Ongoing List For 26 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Be Automatically Removed At The 27th Week.*

Alderman, Roy <sup>[24]</sup>; Alderson, Yolanda <sup>[07]</sup>; Barron, Pat Family <sup>[28]</sup>; Baron, Russ <sup>[07]</sup>; Bonin, Danny <sup>[25]</sup>; Bonin, Donna <sup>[07]</sup>; Bridgewater, Rebecca <sup>[26]</sup>; Brown, Jason <sup>[18]</sup>; Brown, Norman <sup>[05]</sup>; Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling <sup>[22]</sup>; Chant Family <sup>[04]</sup>; Cook, Karen <sup>[07]</sup>; Crump, Megan Family <sup>[12]</sup>; Dadd, Jaime <sup>[12]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[09]</sup>; Dye Family <sup>[18]</sup>; Families Of Four Camden Teenagers <sup>[18]</sup>; Felts, Barbara <sup>[09]</sup>; Fintel, Rick <sup>[10]</sup>; Flatequal Family <sup>[07]</sup>; Flatequal, Fletcher <sup>[21]</sup>; Flatequal, Loren <sup>[09]</sup>; French, Missae <sup>[24]</sup>; Garcia, Kara <sup>[04]</sup>; Green, Dori Ann <sup>[18]</sup>; Haby, Casey <sup>[26]</sup>; Kuehler, Gail's sister <sup>[18]</sup>; Gibbon, Tucker <sup>[23]</sup>; Last-Name-Unknown, Misty <sup>[19]</sup>; Lloyd-Brown Family <sup>[20]</sup>; McMeans, Melanie <sup>[04]</sup>; McMeans, Velma <sup>[05]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[05]</sup>; Montalvo, Louie <sup>[23]</sup>; Neill, Mason <sup>[09]</sup>; Orr, Dan <sup>[18]</sup>; Orr-Burris Families <sup>[07]</sup>; Ramirez, Arilio Family <sup>[09]</sup>; Renninger, Ruane <sup>[09]</sup>; Renteria, Robert <sup>[07]</sup>; Richmond, Craig Family <sup>[08]</sup>; Rodriguez, Dolores Family <sup>[18]</sup>; Saldana, Dan <sup>[18]</sup>; Shaw, Nancy <sup>[10]</sup>; Slaughter, Ron <sup>[24]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[18]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey <sup>[24]</sup>; Smoot, Dan'iel <sup>[25]</sup>; Smoot, Jeremy <sup>[24]</sup>; Smoot, Randy <sup>[28]</sup>; Sparks, Janice <sup>[26]</sup>; Street, Brian <sup>[20]</sup>; Strunk, Billy <sup>[10]</sup>; Thorse, Kaye <sup>[18]</sup>; Torres, Donna <sup>[18]</sup>; Vela, Alix <sup>[18]</sup>; Vela, John & Cheryl <sup>[26]</sup>; Vierling, Hannah <sup>[05]</sup>; Watkins, Betsy <sup>[24]</sup>; Watkins, Mitch <sup>[24]</sup>; Weitzel, Michelle <sup>[07]</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. — Romans 5:1-2

can be ready by trusting him as your Savior and doing as he says.

Time is fleeting so, run to the Cross. Put your hope in what Jesus Christ did when he died on that old tree then three days later rose triumphantly from the dead! Lay aside your trust in anything you have done and trust in Jesus Christ alone.

Do it now before it's too late.

There is an old fable about a time when Satan was training three apprentice devils. He asked the first one how he proposed to deceive people. "I will tell them there is no God." "That will never work," Satan replied, "since everyone knows there is a God." The second one volunteered that he would tell people there is no hell. "That won't work either. Everyone knows there must be a hell." Then the third apprentice devil spoke up. "I will tell them there is no hurry." Satan smiled and said, "Well done! You will deceive millions."

That has been one of Satan's chief tactics. He wins multitudes by convincing them they have plenty of time to think about God, plenty of time to come to Christ, and plenty of time to be forgiven. But it is not true. Today is the only day you have. It may be your last day. There has never been a better time for you to come to Christ.

At Billy Graham's funeral, Anne Graham-Lotz spoke of the significance of her father's death, calling it a "shot across the bow" [as in the bow (front) of a ship]. It's a message from heaven saying, "Wake up, church. Wake up, world. Jesus is coming!" She's certainly right that it's time for all of us to wake up.

What if we are living not in the last days but the last hours?

What if Jesus were to come this year, this month, this day?

Christians can face the future with optimism. The world looks at all the problems and says, "Is there any hope?" For those who know Jesus Christ, there is enormous hope. These are great days to be alive, the greatest days in all human

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### 1 PETER 1:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Whom having not seen, you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.

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history. We may be the generation privileged to see the return of Jesus Christ.

There's never been a better time to be a Christian. There's never been a better time to tell someone else. If we truly are just ninety seconds till midnight, let's rededicate ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ. May this be a day when we say, "Not less for Jesus, but more." Brethren, Jesus is coming soon. Are you ready? **E**



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Wendell & Melanie McMeans	October 27	Both's Birthday
Cathy Vierling	November 9	Birthday
Hannah Vierling	November 11	Birthday
Betty Smith	November 13	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And November 13, 2024  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

———— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ———

4th OR 5th Sundays	 “Table” Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Other Month (Except When On Hiatus)
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.
Sun–Nov 3	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Citizenship As Christians</i>
Sun–Nov 10	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Morals Matter</i>
Sun–Nov 17	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Being With Christ</i>
Sun–Nov 24	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>In Uncertain Times</i>
Sun–Nov 24	Annual Congregation <i>Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal</i> <i>After Worship Service. This Year’s Menu: To Be Determined</i> 
Tue Or Wed– Dec 10 Or 11	Sunny Glen Biannual Truck Pickup – They’re Looking For The Following: <i>Foam Plates, Canned Corn, Cookies (All Kinds), And Fabric Softener</i> 

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Every Tuesday	 Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays	VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM 
Sun–Oct 27	National Mentoring Day 
Mon–Oct 28	National <sup>1</sup> First Responders And <sup>2</sup> Chocolate Day 
Wed–Oct 30	National Candy Corn Day 
Fri–Nov 1	National <sup>1</sup> Cinnamon And <sup>2</sup> Calzone Days 
Sun–Nov 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends & National Sandwich Day 

## GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ♦ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ♦ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ♦ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ♦ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ♦ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ♦ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ♦ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ♦ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ♦ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ♦ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?  
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

## INTERACTIVE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: [video.wvbs.org/spotlight](http://video.wvbs.org/spotlight)

## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



### Chronological — Date Order —

### Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Oct 27 - Luke 14-15
MON	Oct 28 - Luke 16-17:10
TUE	Oct 29 - John 11
WED	Oct 30 - Luke 17:11-18:14
THU	Oct 31 - Matt 19, Mark 10
FRI	Nov 1 - Matt 20-21
SAT	Nov 2 - Luke 18:15-19:48

Matt = Matthew

## WANT TO BE

### Part Of This Local Family Of Christ?

To be identified with our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**. Please place the completed card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### VARIOUS SCRIPTURE CONCERNING FAITH

**John 5:24** — <sup>24</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

**Galatians 2:20** — <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** — <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Hebrews 11:1** — <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Hebrews 11:6** — <sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Hebrews 12:2** — <sup>2</sup> 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.

**James 2:19** — <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble!