

A Faithful Church

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Hebrews 11:1-3

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Intro:

- Today – what does a Faithful Church look like?
- Been looking at faith – what it isn't...
- Faith is resting in God's provision^{11:1}
- Faith is built on doctrine of 1st things: Creation
- World seeks to suppress God's truth: sexuality, genders, etc.
- Abel^{11:4} showed us the "Way of Faith"
- Faith is critical to being a believer so what does a Faithful Church look like if it is made up of faithful believers?

A Faithful Church is Word Driven

- Faith comes from God's Word^{Rom10:17} so we must be Word saturated
- The word must be faithfully preached^{2Ti4:1-2}
- We must be transformed by God's Word^{Ro12:1-2} pay attention^{Heb2:1}
- Heb 11 - 16 examples of believers living by faith
- We must not drift^{Heb2:1} but hold fast to Word^{Heb10:23-25}

More than Word Driven, We must be Gospel Saturated

- Pharisees experts in God's law & word but missed Christ
- All of Scripture is about the Good News of the Gospel!

A Word Driven Church Overflows with Love & Good Deeds

- We meet to stir one another to love & good deeds^{Heb10:24-25}
- Jesus taught to love one another so world will see^{Jn13:34-35}
- How does the Gospel truth drive your daily actions?
- We are to have culture of peace since we're sinners^{2Co5:18}
- God expects us to live at peace^{Mt5:23-24}

A Word Driven Church practices the One-anothers

- NT has over 59 one-anothers mentioned
- So a Word driven church is made up of saints who minister to one-another
- Pastors & elders equip; Saints do work of ministry^{Eph4:11-16}
- So a Word driven church has leaders to shepherd^{Act20:28}
- Men should aspire to lead^{1Tim3:1-7} Qualifications^{Titus1:1-5;1Tim3:8-13}

A Word Driven Church must be a Praying Church

- Faith is not a work we do, but God's gift where we rest in Jesus' work and Holy Spirit to work through us
- Prayer is depending upon God to work through us
- Mt 9:38; Col 4:3; 2 Th 1:11-12; Phm 6; Heb 13:18
- Prayer is humbling, we acknowledge we are not enough, but must depend upon God to work through us

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