

CC 30/11/08.
"SHOW ME FAITH"

- Prayer
- Reading Rom 3.21-31
- Hymn. 370 (43) or (65?)
152 we give immortal praise (242)
- Item

Where reason fails with all her powers. There faith prevails & love ~~endure~~ adores.

- Read & expound passage as you go.

If there is one word that encompasses the secret of life with God it is FAITH

- What is faith again? (seeing it is so important)
- Let me show you Eph 2.8-9.

It is a Gift of God.

Faith is worked in you by the Holy Spirit.

- Do you think becoming a christian is a hard thing?

is it hard to ask?
is it hard to look?

If you think its hard its because you're mistaken into thinking its of you!

It's not its of God!

- Now, do you have hope - you may be saved yes even today!

- Let me show you how impossible it is to reach out and grasp salvation yourself.

- Wall demonstration.

- Impossible, but by grace from God -
Faith is like aspects of the body.

POSSIBLE

- THE EYE - it brings into the mind that which is far away - Sun, Stars, Lord Jesus

All these eyes except one - (what am I holding?)

- THE HAND

The Envelope demonstration
(I wonder whether one will take me up?)

When grasping hand does what faith does.

- Faith says - "Jesus is mine"
- Faith hears of the pardoning blood and says "I accept it to pardon me"

- Faith is the heir of Christ

He has left his legacy to Faith

Take what Grace has provided for you.

- You will not be a thief

for you have a divine permit.

Rev 22.17 'And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely'

(money, clothes or the key!)

The 3 choice demonstration (exploding room)

- Faith is like the mouth eating
it feeds on Christ

Food Demonstration

Eating/drinking is a simple matter
(I know for you!) it so!

Think of faith as this. ^{the food}

- The Food cannot nourish if it not eaten.
The medicine is no good if not taken.
Everyone knows what it is to consent

to take food/drink/medicine
Maybe in mouth but swallow it.

Rom 10.8 "The word is near thee, even in thy mouth"

Now all that is needed is to swallow it into your soul.

Oh that men/boys had an appetite for God!

What a different world this would be

- You don't really need me to explain.
- The Hungry man doesn't need to be taught how to eat!

You know, I think (all of you) what is to know you need God.

A man once said. 'Give me a knife & a fork and I'll do the rest'

- I've seen men homeless

and I've given them food

To see a truly hungry man eat his fill is a satisfying thing.

The homeless knew it was freely given for the giver & given.

and they came and took.

It is the same with Christ.

- Do the same - don't hesitate.
"as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" Jn 1.12.
He never turns one away.

Get out to let
Romans 4.21
I promise
do as you
open the
door.
Do you
believe
enough
to act upon
it?

Faith may be seen in the pursuits of life.

- The Farmer - sows in faith in the seasons.

- The businessman places his money in a bank.

- We all do it even though we can see they can fail.

- But Christ can never fail.
But not all put their trust in him.

Is this not a strange truth?

- The sailor trusts himself to the sea - or the swimmer.

- The Goldsmith gives entrusts his metal to the fire (which would seem eager to consume it).

but he receives it back purified.
Your faith will receive its reward.

- You cannot turn anywhere and not see faith demonstrated between man & man or man & natural law.

- Everyone if you has exercised faith as you came into this room.

'I watched you do it.'



'What was it?'
When you sat on your chairs!

- Faith can exist in different persons to different degrees - according to their knowledge & growth in grace.

But even faith as small as a mustard seed is enough to bring you life.

- It's not the amount but the substance.
A ton of sand grains will never grow, but one small seed will! No sand of good intentions. But the true seed of faith.

- Sometimes faith starts as little more than clinging simply to Christ.

A dependance & willing to depend.

- The Limpet on the rock.
(sucker on the glass).

- strike without warning - he comes off.
But if warned by the Gospel & heeded

- you'll never get him off. Break Rock!

even all the storms the sea can muster!

- Doesn't know much about the rock.

Just clings - Can you cling? Do some at once

Do you know just enough of Jesus Christ to cling? Then you may be saved through faith.

- There are 2 things you need to know to be saved.

- Yourself a sinner! - Scholar for heaven enough for College of Conversion
- Christ a saviour! - Been through conversion

- Cling to him for dear life & you'll be safe for eternity!

Knowledge of the superiority of another. (do not ask you to trust in anyone!)

The limps knows the rock is stronger.

The Blind man trusts his guide knows his friend can see.

- If, ^{he's} born blind he doesn't even know what sight is.

But he knows there's such a thing as sight.

"We walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor 5.7

"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" Jn 20.29.

We know Christ has Merit Power Blessing

We know we don't have it We trust gladly that Christ will be in us what we cannot be for ourselves.

The finger demonstration

We trust the teacher of geography.

Without the eyes of faith we will miss their mark. Can't guide ourselves.



He believes the teachers and books & pictures trusts that the cities and mountains are there. NY

You must do the same with Christ

He tells you, assures you if you trust -> Salvation will be the result



A scientific discovery - Atoms - The milky way - Air - Have you seen with eyes! - Saturn

They tell me - a thing called Magnetism - Magnet Electricity - lights

You believe their experiments done before.

In same way Believe what Christ has done before. (A resurrection proved & attested witnessed beyond doubt)

The Faith which grows out of love.

like a Boy and his Father Those who are charmed by Christ and his character his mission his obedience his faithfulness admire revere Love.

people will say "Why are you so calm about life?" Christ has me in His hand.



The boy on the ship 'My dad's Captain'

The Woman whose husband is the greatest physician of the day struck down by disease he is specialist in (healed many before her).

Her faith is reasonable & natural her husband deserves it of her.

We put ourselves in Christ's hands accept what he prescribes do what he bids.

We know he loves us too much to see us suffer needlessly.

- Faith is the root of obedience

"Trust & obey"

The Captain trusts the Navigator and obeys

The Traveller obeys the directions of the ^{his direction} Map.

The Patient does what the doctor orders.

- Faith that doesn't obey is mere pretence

- Faith is from assured knowledge

Tried 'T' and proved 'P' a promise
ad Christian in margin of Bible

(You cannot do this yet but you will do)

Everything has a beginning - Every Christian

Launches out with that
1st Prayer of faith and bravely
believes.

- The old time
Mariner

Unties his ropes - launches off ship

for Days, weeks, months

No sight of land.

He Trusts his compass, charts, telescope
stars.

What a wonderful thing.

(- Say goodbye to those feelings of doubt

Reason paddles launch out on the ocean of faith

Faith swims! believing in God and steer for heaven
by His word.

- The voyage will be blessed - and they celebrate when you surely come into port

- Let me tell you from personal experience

• When you're truly walking close with the Lord
& ~~you're~~ ^{this world is} dead to ~~the~~ you
& God's smile is upon you

Then you feel that even if you lose everything -
it wouldn't matter much

Because you have eternal security
& peace within

Because Christ has loved you, & will do,
for all eternity.

(we sang in our hymn)
'where reason fails with all her powers
there faith prevails and love ^{adores} ~~adorns~~

- Faith will prevail for you, all the way to heaven
& then be swallowed up by the sight of the Saviour
Then there'll just be love because faith & hope
will no longer be necessary
The GREAT RETURN ^{to God} will be complete
for you.