



# THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

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## **True Faith Is An Old Grace** **(Kent Heaton)**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:1-3).

Matthew Henry’s Commentary mentions in notes for Hebrews 11 that “true faith is an old grace, and has the best plea to antiquity: it is not a new invention, a modern fancy; it is a grace that has been planted in the soul of man ever since the covenant of grace was published in the world, and it has been practiced from the beginning of the revelation; the eldest and best men that ever were in the world were believers.”

There is sage wisdom in seeing faith as the ancient foundation in

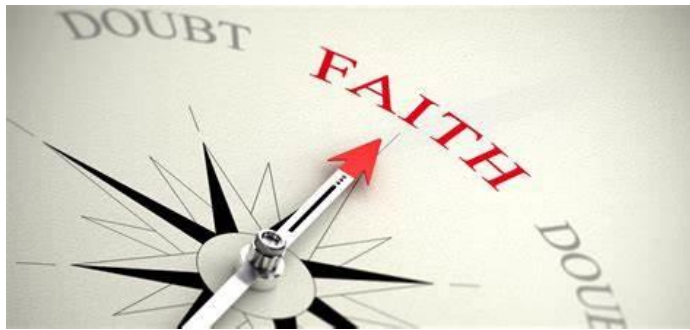
the lives of those who trusted in God following His will because of their faith in His word. Truth is older than error, and all men who have embraced the covenant of faith find their lives richer, more authentic and at peace.

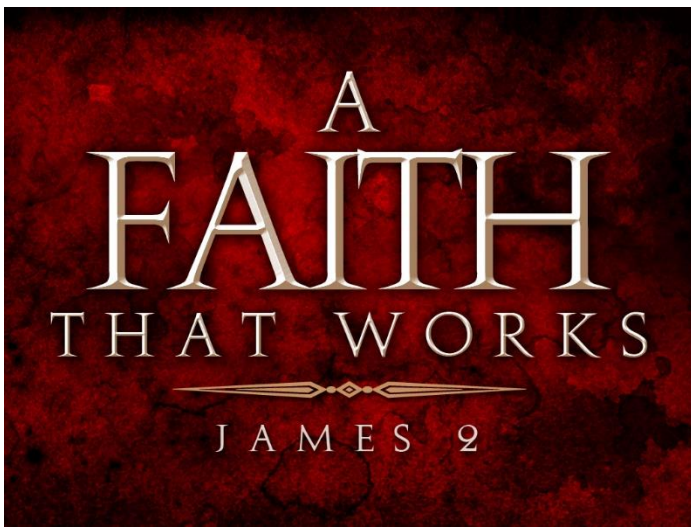
Over the ages, there have been untold numbers of saints who

have served the Lord faithfully. They believed in the substance of those things promised by God

because of His promises. Through faith, they saw what could not be seen holding true to the word of God. Men have constantly challenged the evidence of God, believing the world formed itself without divine intervention.

Faith was not enough for the skeptics. Reason and science dissuaded their philosophies to accept human wisdom without seeing the true God and accepting His power of creation. In the midst of generations of unbelievers were the elders of old who lived in faith to serve God faithfully because of





their simple trusting faith in the word of God.

Faith for the people of God is the evidence or proof of what they believe. No one has seen God at any time, and yet they believe there is a God. The confirmation of His existence is from the believing faith that sees the wonders of creation abounding with the thumbprint of a divine creator. In this evidence comes a heart that seeks to know the character of the divine being.

God reveals Himself to seeking men who believe in their hearts that God loves them and cares for them. They embrace the knowledge of the unseen God because they see Him clearly through the eye of faith. Knowledge comes from the overpowering abundance of evidence through the invisible attributes left by the Lord to show all men His power and dominion.

Faith is real. It fills the heart with the foundation of truth, reassuring the spirit of man that he was made in the image of the heavenly Father. Trust comes from believing in one true God.

The elders of days past believed in God because they built their faith on His promises. They lived with hope because they had something to live for beyond this world. Their eyes saw what other men could not see because it was hidden from their darkened hearts. By faith they understood the worlds were framed by the hand of God and glorified God for His wondrous creation.

Faith must have a growing

A preacher, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards, the preacher asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But," said the preacher, "why didn't you do that before the service?" "Because," the gentleman replied, "I didn't need one then."

power in the hearts of those who will seek the Lord God. It does not come by itself. Through the evidence of the world and the knowledge through His word, God reveals to man everything he needs to know to be saved. Without faith it is impossible to be pleasing to God. Unless faith is built to trust in the Lord, there is danger in being drawn back to perdition. The elders bore witness of their faith in God by seeking to please Him.

Generations will come and go. It is important for each generation to leave a legacy of faith in God so their children will have the faith that is the substance of things hoped for and evidence of what is not seen. The testimonies of the elders of yesterday bear witness to the purpose of faith. It establishes the hearts of men to trust in God as the only Creator, Maker, and Savior of the world.

With courageous faith, worship will be a more profound experience, obedience a natural response, and with eternal hope, the promises realized in the journeys of life. Faith will reassure the heart of man that there is a better, heavenly country, and God will not be ashamed to be called their God.

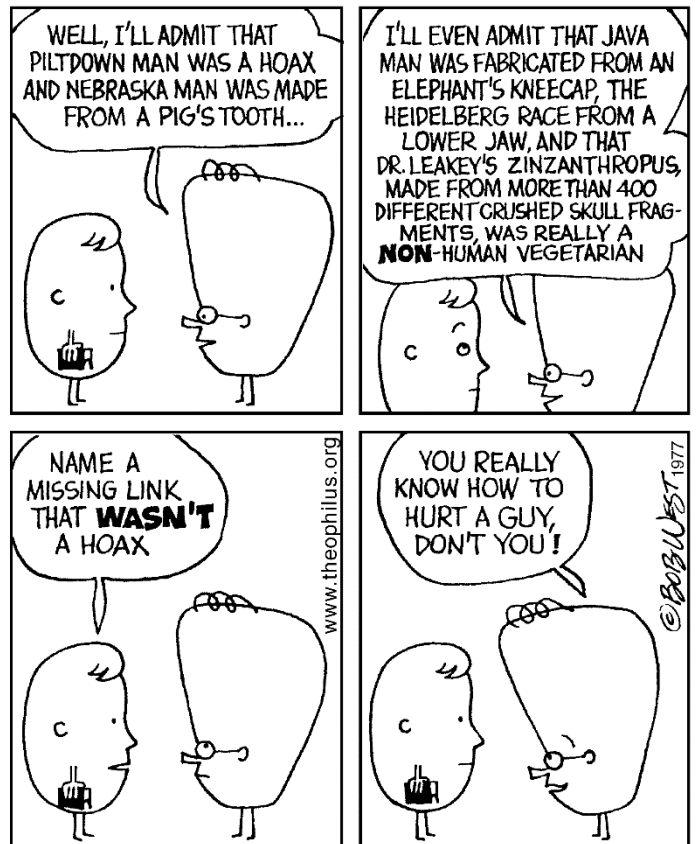
Building faith is a daily walk trusting in all the promises of God. True faith is an old grace still relevant to all men who seek God now.

## The New Religion (Larry Truit)

There is a new religion by name sweeping the world, although it is only a new twist to an old religion - paganism. Even if you have never heard it proclaimed as a religion, we know the Great Reset religion by its woke features: it embraces complete tolerance of everyone except those whom it

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labels as intolerant; it lives by new science that eschews all scientific truth: (gender can be changed, men can become pregnant); in the name of free speech it promotes preposterous lies while forbidding the truth; it replaces natural law with diabolical disorientation; and, above all else, it detests the idea of Christ the King. Wickedness, insanity, and hate are not flaws of the Great Reset religion; they are indispensable features.

One might hope that the unmistakable wickedness, insanity, and hatred that characterize the Great Reset religion would limit its adherents to men and women who are so far removed from society that they could have virtually no influence on our daily lives, but the reality has proven otherwise.

As the father of lies knew when he redesigned this old religion of paganism, the new religion seduces the sensual

members of society with its promise of unlimited license to sin and taunts the cowardly members of society into submitting by calling them intolerant if they resist. As the Great Reset religion grows, it convinces feeble-minded skeptics that it cannot be all that wrong after all — yes, they conclude, the rigid moralists must be the bad guys.

Through the Great Reset religion, Satan has now redirected all worldly battles into attacks on God and those who are faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Do not fall for the lie that this is the New Normal; it is what caused God to bring judgment during the time of Noah.



## Church Origins

The record of the past 500 years reveals these facts concerning the establishment of prominent religious bodies:

### Lutheran Church

1520 Germany (Martin Luther)

### Episcopalian Church

1534 England (Henry VIII)

### Presbyterian Church

1536 Switzerland (John Calvin)

### Baptist Church

1607 Holland (John Smythe)

### Methodist Church

1830 England (John Wesley)

### Latter Day Saints - Mormon

1830 America (Joseph Smith)

None of these churches can be found in the Bible. Does it matter what church I belong to? If Jesus did not build it and it cannot be found in the Word of God - ?

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#### Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

*Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:*

☞ Jamey Hinds, Hollywood, Florida; Roy Fenner, Panama City, Florida

☞ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri

☞ The saints in Nicaragua

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