

Heb 10:14

For by one offering he has perfected for all time those who are made holy.

Christ made one perfect sacrifice that has validity for all of eternity and for as many as would avail themselves to it. When that happens the status of holiness is given and it is guaranteed for all of eternity. This is the basis for faith.

Vs. 10:19 therefore:

Vs. 10:22. **let us draw near with a sincere heart in the assurance that faith brings,**

Get up close and personal with Jesus.

Vs. 10:23. **And let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess**

This is solid assurance.

Vs. 10:24. **And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works,**

Be a companion to each other.

Vs. 10:26. **For if we deliberately keep on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth, no further sacrifice for sins is left for us,**

This is a very dangerous place to be. So let's be sure to pray for even the most hard hearted and stubborn.

Vs. 10:32. **It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

Don't be disrespectful to what God has promised

Vs. 10:36. **For you need endurance in order to do God's will and so receive what is promised.**

Marathon for distance. Know where you are going.

Even though many people use the word faith to refer to a philosophy or a dogma that is not the full meaning.

Vs. 11:1. **Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see.**

Car motor? Can of juice? Gas at the pump? God is on the throne? Jesus died on the cross? Jesus is alive? I am redeemed?

Most of this chapter tells about people with faith doing something.

The doing list: Obeyed instructions, Conquered kingdoms. Administered justice. Shut mouths of lions. Quenched fires. Escaped sword. Strength in weakness. Dead raised. Accepted persecution.

We like these stories but so what did they do and does it fit into our Christian living?

Can we be an Abel? Sacrifice. Heb 13:15 **Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, acknowledging his name.**

Can we be a Noah? Build. 1 Cor 3:10. **According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master-builder I laid a foundation, but someone else builds on it. And each one must be careful how he builds.**

Can we be an Abraham? Go. Mark 16:15. **He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.**

Can we be an Abraham? Give up the most precious. Mat 16:24. **Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**

Can we be a Sarah? Wait. Titus 2:13. **as we wait for the happy fulfillment of our hope in the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Can we be a Moses? Refuse status. 1 Pet 4:3. **For the time that has passed was sufficient for you to do what the non-Christians desire.**

Can we be a Moses? Go through impossibilities. Mat 17:20. **He told them, "It was because of your little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; nothing will be**

impossible for you

Can we be people walking around walls? Jericho. Eph 6:11. **Clothe yourselves with the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

Can we be a Rahab? Choose the winning team. 1 Cor 10:13. **No trial has overtaken you that is not faced by others. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tried beyond what you are able to bear, but with the trial will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it**

Vs. 11:6. **Now without faith it is impossible to please him, for the one who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.**

Don't mix salvation as something we do. But Christian living is something we do.