

9-18-22 Message
WHAT EVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN

Text:

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because [he eateth] not of faith: **for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.**

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Intro:

In the day that we live.. we hear less and less preaching on sin.. But we do hear a lot of preaching on having faith.. It is very popular to tell people to have faith when things are going bad... have faith God loves you .. and he does.. have faith you can make it if you just have faith..

I read a article a while back on how that even in the medical field they say that faith can help a person to battle with cancer and other diseases.. In fact a lot of times doctors will not tell patients the truth about their condition because they think they will loose faith..

These types of messages go along with the power of positive thinking preaching.. The idea of the power of faith.. the power of thinking positive.. IF YOU THINK IT.. IT CAN HAPPEN... I fear that this borders on the essence of Humanism.. we are in control not God.

In fact this goes further.. in that there was a movement to hold hands together in solidarity across America to make something happen. As if enough people believe it will happen, by our collective power to will it to happen. In essence mankind becomes the divine.

Today more and more people reject the idea that there is even anything that is sin, as if preaching & warning people about sin, in their minds, has become toxic and filled with negativity.

The problem is this attitude has filtered into the church. After all are we not saved by faith? We don't need to hear any preaching on sin!

And when we get saved are we not forgiven of all our sins.

Preachers who preach against sin.. are accused of preaching works salvation ..

Preachers who warn against sin are called legalists.. since sin is a violation of the law.. so those who warn about living holy have to share the "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not..."

Many will say our faith has freed us from the law.. We are saved by grace through faith not of works.. not of the law..

Has not Christ freed us from the law.. do we not have liberty in Christ..

But then we read..

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because [he eateth] not of faith: for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

Sin is the opposite of faith.. so how can we claim to have faith when we are sinning.. a life of faith is a life void of sin.. and a life filled with sin is a life void of faith..

Just what is faith?

Faith is a persons positive response to the word of God through obedience..

Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is believing God's word.. not just this mysterious attribute of being a positive person.. Faith is believing God!

THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THE BIBLE THAT WE MAY LIKE AND SOME THINGS WE MAY DISLIKE.. WE NEED TO ACCEPT BOTH BY FAITH ..

THERE ARE SOME BITTER AND SOME SWEET.. WE MUST DIGEST BOTH..

What ever is not of faith is sin..

THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN..

Reading though the prophets.. and we find that Israel wanted prophets who just preached a positive message.. but along comes Jeremiah who says.. God is going to punish the nation unless they repent.. They got upset at Jeremiah and put him in a

dungeon .. WHY WAS HE PERSECUTED? IT WAS BECAUSE HE WASN'T PREACHING WHAT THE PEOPLE WANTED TO HEAR.. THEY DID NOT BELIEVE JEREMIAH.. AND SUFFERED..

When God said submit to Nebuchadnezzar they wanted to rebel..
When God said go to him and accept your punishment.. they said no.. they wanted to stay put..

When God later said stay put, they wanted to flee to Egypt...

They had a problem believing God .. so in fact they could not believe his prophets..

Preaching on faith and preaching against sin are not opposites.. in fact they are the same thing..

For whatsoever is not of faith is SIN..

Just how badly do we sin?

Intro

I. SIN IS A LIFE VOID OF FAITH..

Romans 14:23 ... for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

Here we have this well known.. text that is so often quoted..

WHATSOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN..

A sinner is one who lives a life void of faith..

Doubting God is one of the greatest offences against God.. and in fact, all sin stems from doubting God..

Faith is in essence is trusting God's word..
Doubt is in essence.. is doubting and disbelieving God's word..

So often we define sin as disobedience to God's word..
But why do we disobey God's word.. it is usually because we disbelieve God..

The way that Satan got Eve to sin .. was to confuse her about God's word.. and what God said.. and whether what God said was true.

YOU WILL NOT DIE HE SAID..
GOD SAID YOU WILL DIE..
WHICH WILL YOU BELIEVE?

Eve believed she would not die if she disobeyed God.. and therefore she sinned..

WHATSOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN..

You sin because you disbelieve God's word..

All sin starts by doubting God.. When you disbelieve God you sin..

Consider, why do people sin?

God says something is not good, but you do that thing that God calls evil..

In essence you do it because you are not convinced that God is right..

So in essence you lack faith in God

And this is one of the root causes of sin..

God says certain sexual behavior is evil and wrong..

Men say .. "I don't understand why it is wrong.." It can't be that bad..

Now we have homosexual marriages and all kind of perversion.

Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination.

You say I don't believe that is what that means.. and that leads to sin..

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin..

Here is how people argue what the Bible says..

They say well the same Bible says.. that if a person does so and so you should stone them..

Should we do that.. No it says take them to the magistrate.. or the elders of the city and they shall stone them.. that was the civil law back then..

No individual had the right to take anyone's life.. by their own will.

See there is Civil law..

There is moral law..

There is Biblical law..

The moral law has not changed..

The civil law has changed only because the civil authorities have changed.

When civil law harmonizes with Biblical moral law than civil law is good.

When Civil law violates God's law than we should say..

We ought to obey God rather than men.. Acts 5:29

We could go on and on.. and show that every sin that we commit is rooted in the fact that we don't believe God's word, reinterpret God's word or plain out and out reject God's word.. WHEN WE HAVE A SIN PROBLEM WE HAVE A FAITH PROBLEM..

We toss around the expression have faith without any consideration to the word of God.

Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

II. WE SIN WHEN WE DO NOT WALK BY FAITH

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

II Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

All your actions in life.. flow from what you believe..

THE JUST..

THOSE WHO ARE JUSTIFIED AND SANCTIFIED..

THOSE WHO ARE THE REDEEMED..

THOSE WHO ARE SAVED

THE JUST SHALL LIVE(And Walk) BY FAITH..

II Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

What does this mean we walk by Faith ..

We live by faith ..

1. This means.. that what we believe will affect how we walk..

***A. Why did Eve sin and eat the forbidden fruit?
It was because she fell into disbelief...***

In Hebrews 11 we see the Hall of Fame of faith.. each time it says someone believed God.. they did something to show their faith ..

B. Abel offered the proper sacrifice Which showed his faith

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

C. Noah Built an Arc which showed his faith

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

D. Abraham Left the Ur of Chaldees which showed his faith

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

E. Abraham Offered Up Isaac By Faith ..

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son],

F. Moses by Faith refused to the treasures of Egypt

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Hebrews 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Hebrews 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Hebrews 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

G. By Faith Rahab Hid the spies

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

H. On and on we could go..

Hebrews 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and [of] Barak, and [of] Samson, and [of] Jephthae; [of] David also, and Samuel, and [of] the prophets:

Hebrews 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Hebrews 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Hebrews 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Hebrews 11:36 And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Hebrews 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

2. TRUE FAITH WILL BE SEEN IN A TRUE BELIEVERS LIFE BY THEIR WALK..

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK BY FAITH.. IT MEANS TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE.. Faith and works are not opposites as some would have you to believe.. One is the motivation for the other.. FAITH COMES BEFORE WORKS.. YOU CANNOT WORK UP FAITH.. You believe and then you do!

POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING PEOPLE ARE IN FACT PREACHING MORE WORKS THAN A PREACHER WHO PREACHES HOLY LIVING.. ALL THEY DO IS

WATER DOWN THE WORKS... TO BELIEVING WITHOUT OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD.. AND THE LISTENERS GET EMPTY RESULTS!

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

James 2:25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent [them] out another way?

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James goes through a few of the O.T. Hall of fame of faith from Hebrews 11

Faith that does not have good works is dead faith ..

TO WALK IN FAITH IS TO BELIEVE GOD AND THEN PUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE INTO ACTION ..

Your Faith is the way you please God..

Your Works is the way I know you have faith..

TRUE FAITH WORKS..

FALSE FAITH IS EMPTY..

I have seen that people who say they believe and never get baptized never see any victory over sin in their life.. Reason why is that Baptism is the first step of obedience to your faith.. THE SAME BIBLE THAT SAYS BELIEVE AND BE SAVED..

IN THE SAME BREATH SAYS THOSE WHO BELIEVE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED..

Baptism is the first way you walk in faith after you are saved.. After God tells us to believe he gives us something to do! BE BAPTIZED...

III. AS BLESSINGS COME WHEN WE DO NOT SIN SO BLESSING COME WHEN WE HAVE FAITH. God rewards faith...

AS WE CAN SAY WHATSOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN

WE CAN SAY WHATEVER IS OF FAITH IS THE OPPOSITE OF SIN AND WILL BE BLESSED OF GOD

Do you want to be blessed of God? Then Trust God.. and believe in Him

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] **he is a rewarder** of them that diligently seek him.

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin..

Whatsoever is of faith will be rewarded and blessed of God..

YOUR FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORD IS THE GREATEST THING THAT PLEASES HIM..

AND WHEN YOU PLEASE GOD HE WILL REWARD YOU.. This is why he says your faith can move mountains. This is God's reward to you for your faith..

1. A PERSON OF FAITH WILL SEE GOD WORK IN THEIR LIVES.. AND BLESSINGS WILL COME..

So often people think that

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

Now I know what some people mean by that .. they mean don't use your faith for a excuse to be lazy.

BUT THAT EXPRESSION IS REALLY A GRAND MISUNDERSTANDING OF FAITH.. FOR WHATSOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN

IF IT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN DO YOURSELF AND GOD TOLD YOU TO DO IT.. DO IT BY FAITH.

Laziness is really a faith problem.. most problems of bad character are usually a misunderstanding of the Bible..

THE BIBLE SAYS..

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

If God gave you the health and the opportunity to work by faith do it and give God the praise. WITHOUT HIM YOU CAN DO NOTHING.. AND IF YOU HAVE THE TALENT

TO WORK WITH YOUR HANDS.. AND YOU THINK A LIFE OF FAITH IS AN EXCUSE TO BE LAZY THAT IS NOT FAITH THAT IS STUPIDITY, REBELLION, AND SIN..

I have bi-vocational ministry. I have a business and work and I also preach at this church. I don't do vocational work outside of the church because I don't believe God could provide for me just through the ministry... I work that I may have to give.. I work to be an example to others. If I did not have my business God would still take care of me. Whatever I do I must do by faith believing God told me to do it. The just shall live by faith!

I remember for a while leaving my job at National Music. When I left my boss got mad at me and said that "God was not going to take care of me." That very month I quit.. That very Month I started getting support checks in the mail from someone outside of the church. It was supernatural. God blessed my faith!

After two years of just putting time in the ministry apart from working. I saw that there were certain blessings that God gave when I worked.

I prayed about it .. and God would not let me go back to working at my old job.. because of what my boss said.. he said.. "BISSOL YOUR GOD IS NOT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU.." To go back to my old job would be an insult to God. It was shortly after this that God had me start my own business. People gave me old pianos I fixed them and sold them. God blessed that from 1987 to 2006.. about 19 years.. Then In 2006 I bought out my bosses business.. I think God has taken care of me..

But all of it was by faith.. for the benefit of serving him..

2. A PERSON FILLED WITH FAITH WILL SEE GOD WORK SUPERNATURALLY IN THEIR LIFE..

There are certain things that only God can do for you..

By faith Peter walked on water when he doubted he began to sink

Faith is a supernatural virtue and taps into the supernatural power of God..

Here's another expression that is a misunderstanding of faith..

Ever hear someone say ...

HE IS TOO HEAVENLY MINDED TO BE ANY EARTHLY GOOD..

True biblical faith will be earthly good..

GOD WILL REWARD A PERSON OF FAITH..

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] **he is a rewarder** of them that diligently seek him.

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Not that there will not be ups and downs in the Christian life..
REMEMBER JOB..

But over all God's blessing will be in the life of a person that walks by faith.. and lives by faith..

FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD..
WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND ACT UPON IT THAT IS FAITH..

INVITATION AND CONCLUSION

Let me give you my life story.. my journey of faith and how God blessed every time I stepped out by faith to serve and follow Him..

Dad wanted to give me his business..

Got saved Oct 27th 1974 and I had to tell him that I didn't want his bar business.

1. Saved.. gave up my father's.. bar business & Music.. I did this by faith .. Rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season ..
2. Became a Janitor by faith at the church...
3. Needed to make a living.. old tuner.. started teaching me to tune pianos .. in 1975.. When he died.. I continued to pursue that..
4. Working at Church janitor.. and trying to make a living.. Decided to take some classes on tuning.. Thursday nights in the Philadelphia area.
5. Friend asked me to go out visiting on Thursday nights had to ask my self the question what is more important for eternity winning souls or learning a trade. I choose to go visiting in Thursday evenings by faith.

6. Started praying about going to college..
Checked into North Bennett Trade School..
Temple University & Bible Colleges
Dad offering to pay my way through college provide an apartment
if I went to Temple University ..
7. Carl Shanosk approached me at church one day and told me the Lord
spoke to him and told him to share some verses with me..
He shared Gen 12 with me about Abraham leaving his family and kindred. That
is when I knew I needed to go to a School away from home..
8. Bill Finley encouraged me to go to BBC.. by faith I believed B.B.C. was where I
should go..
More credits transferred and I took mostly Bible courses etc..
9. Dad got sick Wednesday. Oct. 20th 1976 Got sick.. Dad died
Died Saturday.... November 13th... 1976
10. Because of that decision which was based on faith .. God called
me to preach .. By Faith I came to Elkdale Baptist Church
By Faith stayed here for 39 years..

Matthew 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Matthew 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how
they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Matthew 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not
arrayed like one of these.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these
things shall be added unto you.

So you get the idea that with each step of faith there is a call to obedience. This is why it
says, "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." It is sin because by faith God calls us to obey
him. We get faith, and then we step out in obedience.

Are you trusting God in faith? I have the word of God that promises God rewards faith
and punishes the sin of doubt. I have my personal testimony of the proof that living by
faith works. What will you decide to do?

EVENING SERVICE

IV. A LIFE FILLED WITH DOUBT BRINGS SIN AND DIVINE CURSES ON YOUR LIFE...

THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH IS DOUBT IF GOD REWARDS FAITH HE PUNISHES DOUBT

When we doubt God we sin ..
The wages of sin ... is death ..

Hebrews 3:17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? [was it] not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

Hebrews 3:18 And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left [us] of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it].

Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Hebrews 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

This is an example of the wrath of God that falls on those who refuse to believe the gospel.

Think of it when a person refuses to believe they will spend eternity in hell separated from God forever..

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Notice it puts fear and unbelief at the top of the list for reasons people go to hell. They are afraid to believe God.

V. BY THE ACTIVITIES WE CHOOSE IN OUR LIFE WE EITHER FEED FAITH OR DOUBT WE EITHER FEED SIN OR FEED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITH

THE APOSTLES HAD LITTLE FAITH AT TIMES.. AND OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE DIFFERENT SIZES OF FAITH ..

Matthew 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

II Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

VI WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Will you choose to live a life of faith or will you live a defeated life of doubt and fear.

God has called us to a life of faith..

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

We nurture faith in our life many times by the choices we make. The people that we allow in our lives will nurture faith or discourage faith. The people we hang around with will nurture faith or discourage it. Our decisions to attend church or skip services will build our faith or tear it down.

Faith produces good fruit. **To produce good fruit we need good ground.** Just like our garden and plants without good ground we cannot produce good fruit. Heb. 10:24-25 will be the best way to produce good fruit and good works.