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God is called "*the Father of spirits*" in HEBREWS 12:9 because He, *being a Spirit*, created **MAN** a *spirit being* after His own image, and clothed them with flesh, and they became fruitful and multiplied.

But the price for their *disobedience* brought death into the world. Since God *cannot* die, neither can the *spirit of man*.

Because of Adam and Eve's *disobedience*, **BY NATURE**, all men *commit SIN*: "*The wicked are estranged FROM THE WOMB: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies*" (PSALM 58:3).

Every Christian is a sinner who has been *born again*: "...**WE ALL** had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were **BY NATURE** the children of wrath, **EVEN AS OTHERS**" (EPHES. 2:3).

The question is, do **YOU** believe this?

If you have any doubts, remember that "...*whatsoever is not of FAITH is SIN*" (ROMANS 14:23) and "...*there is NOT a just man upon earth, that DOETH GOOD, and SINNETH NOT*" (ECCLES. 7:20)?

Do you *know* what it means to *put your trust* in God? You must "...*receive the kingdom of God AS A LITTLE CHILD*" (MARK 10:15), not as a *college professor*.

The *Spirit of God* is in the world today to "...**REPROVE** the world" (JOHN 16:8) and He does so *through HIS* Word. To "*reprove*" means to *confute, that is, TO PROVE TO BE WRONG AND IN ERROR*.

Jesus said, "...**Have FAITH in God**" (MARK 11:22). The *eleventh chapter* of Hebrews testifies of those who **DEMONSTRATED** their **FAITH** in God by their *works*. Here are just a few of them:

"**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.

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**.

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.

BY FAITH Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

BY FAITH Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season...he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him **WHO IS INVISIBLE**.

DEFINITION of FAITH

FAITH is the **SUBSTANCE** of things hoped for, the **EVIDENCE** of things **NOT** seen. ~ Hebrews 11:1

BY FAITH they [**THE ISRAELITES**] passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

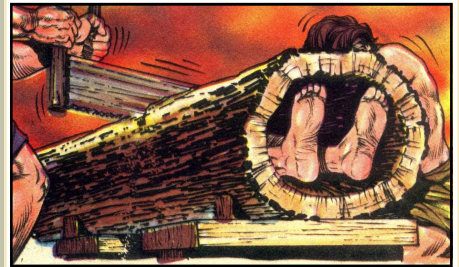
BY FAITH the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

BY FAITH the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

AND WHAT SHALL I MORE SAY? For the time would fail me to tell of **GEDEON**, and of **BARAK**, and of **SAMSON**, and of **JEPHTHA**; of **DAVID** also, and **SAMUEL**, and of **THE PROPHETS**:

WHO THROUGH FAITH subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, **stopped the mouths of lions**, 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.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were **TORTURED**, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a **BETTER RESURRECTION**: and others had trial of **CRUEL** mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were **SAWN ASUNDER**."



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.

BUT WITHOUT FAITH it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please God: for he that cometh to God **MUST** believe that **HE IS**, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (HEBREWS 11:1-40).

There is only **ONE WAY** to *attain* wisdom: "...to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise" (1 COR. 3:18).

Chemistry *never* silenced a guilty conscience. Mathematics *never* healed a broken heart. All the sciences in the world *never* comforted a dying soul. No earthly philosophy *ever* supplied hope in death. No theology *will ever* deliver peace when standing before God at the judgment.

In this wonderful chapter of Hebrews, "*these all died **IN FAITH**, not having received the promises, but having **SEEN THEM** afar off, and were **PERSUADED** of them, and **EMBRACED** them, and **CONFESSED** that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth*" (HEBREWS 11:13).

Don't take chances with *your eternity* in *unbelief*, believe the Word of God, "...*how that Christ **DIED** for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was **BURIED**, and that he **ROSE AGAIN** the third day according to the scriptures*" (1 COR. 15:3-4), and *on the day of your death*, the Lord will say, "...*today shalt thou be with me in paradise*" (LUKE 23:43).