

LIVING BY FAITH  
*Hebrews 10:38-39*

INTRODUCTION:

A. The Bible teaches us to do many difficult things

- 1) *"love your enemies"*
- 2) *"do good to them that despitefully use you"*

B. These church members were having great difficulty maintaining their Christian testimony.

- 1) They were forsaking the assembly
- 2) They were letting go of their profession
- 3) They were on the brink of throwing their bold confidence in God away.
- 4) They lacked patience

C. They should remain faithful to the Lord

- 1) He will come in a little while
- 2) He will not linger

D. How can we do the things God desires of us?

- 1) We must have knowledge
- 2) We must have faith

I. Faith, God's Way To Do His Will

A. *"Now the just shall live by faith:..."*

- 1) *"just" = δικαιοσ = "a right state so that no fault or defect can be charged"*
- 2) *"live" = ζω = "to live", "to have life"*
- 3) *"And through faith the righteous man shall find his life"*

TENT

- 4) *Hab 2:4 - "the just shall live by faith"*
- 5) *Rom 1:17 - "as it is written, the just shall live by faith"*
- 6) *Gal 3:11 - "Now the just shall live by faith..."*

B. "...but if any man draw back..."

- 1) "draw back" = υποστελλω = "to draw under or back", "to draw one's self back esp. under cover or out of sight"
- 2) "and if he withdraw himself and take cover"

C. "...my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

- 1) "pleasure" = ευδοκω = "to delight in"
- 2) "he shall win no favor with me" KNOX

## II. Faith, The Way To Save One's Life

A. "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition;..."

- 1) "draw back" = "shrinking", "timidity"
- 2) "perdition" = απωλεια = "loss", "destruction", "ruin"

B. "...but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

- 1) "believe" = πιστις = "the trust one puts in a thing or person", "the conviction one cherishes"
- 2) "saving" = περιποιησις = "a making remain over", "a laying up", "acquisition", "obtaining" What one makes one's own, either by keeping or by gaining it.
- 3) "soul" = ψυχη = "breath", "life"
- 4) "We have the faith to make life our own" NEB

C. The teaching of Jesus

- 1) Mark 8:34-38
- 2) Luke 9:57-62
- 3) Luke 14:25-27 (25-35)

D. Why should God keep you alive?