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Reading: Hebrews 10:38; 11:1,31; Joshua 2:1,2,4,6,8-21; 6:23-25

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Subject The Faith of Rahab

What does it mean to be just? What does it mean to be right with God. This is only possible through faith. Faith cannot be seen directly but it gives evidence in what we do. Noah showed his faith by building an ark. Sarah believed God and had a baby in her old age. If we profess to believe, how is it seen in our lives?

Rahab received two spies from an enemy. She would be known as a traitor but she had heard about the people and their God. The difference between Rahab and others in the city was that she acted on what she believed. This showed her faith. This can be true for us? We may have heard the Gospel before. We may know about the Lord dying on the cross to save sinners.

We may believe the facts, but have we done anything about it? The Gospel is preached so that we can do something. You must make a decision for yourself.

Rahab was told what to do and she trusted God's way of salvation. She hid the men then lowered them out of the window by a scarlet rope. She asked that they spare her and her family when the city was taken. She was told to bring her family into the house and to tie the rope in the window. She obeyed and they were saved. This was the evidence of her faith. It linked her to something she had never seen.

We have not seen God or the Lord Jesus Christ. We have never met the people who wrote the Bible but we are saved when we put our faith in Someone we have never seen but we know to be real but what do we have to demonstrate our faith? Like the scarlet cord, faith is something that is strong and will not be broken. It joins us to Christ in heaven. We have an anchor inside the veil that cannot be shaken.

The fact that the rope was scarlet pictures the blood of Christ which cleanses us from sin, 1 John 1:7; Isa. 1:18.

Rahab was linked with the nation of Israel and the royal family. Our faith links us with the family of God as children.

To be saved is to be spared from judgement, brought into God's family and linked with Christ forever.