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Redemption and forgiveness of sin is only found in the kingdom of Christ (Colossians 1:13-14), and the term church is used synonymously with the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:18-19). In addition, all spiritual blessings are found “in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3), and only those who are in his church, the kingdom, will be delivered up “to God, even the Father” (1 Corinthians 15:24).

God did not leave the church unorganized. Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). Would man be so bold as to accuse God of failing to provide the necessary organization for that which He built? The apostle Paul told Timothy, “Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Since God has equipped the man of God, so that he may “know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), would it not behoove a worshipper of God to make sure the church of which he/she is a part is worshipping God “in spirit, and truth” (John 4:24)?

The apostle Paul said, “Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:25-27). Ross Triplett, Sr.

Solomon Says

*In the fear of Jehovah is strong confidence;
And his children shall have a place of refuge.*

Proverbs 14:26

Grace and Faith III

Eph. 2:8

I. Review:

- A. 2 Pet. 3:18; Titus 2:11-12 - Grace
- B. Jude 3; Heb. 11:6 – “the faith”

II. How Faith Manifests Itself: Hebrews 11

- A. Vs. 3 – Origin of all things
 - 1. Gen. 1:1 – In the beginning God created
 - 2. 2 Pet. 3:1-7 – The word of God
- B. Vs. 4 – “Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain”
- C. Vs. 5 – “Enoch was translated...he had been well-pleasing unto God”
- D. Vs. 7 – Noah...moved with godly fear
- E. Vs. 8-10 – “Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out”
- F. Vs. 11-12 – “Sarah herself received power to conceive seed...she counted him faithful who had promised”
- G. Vs. 13-16 – All of these had their eye upon what they could not see.
- H. Vs. 17-19 – Abraham, being tried, offered up Isaac
- I. Vs. 20 – “Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning things to come”
- J. Vs. 21 – “Jacob...blessed the sons of Joseph”
- K. Vs. 22 – “Joseph...gave commandment concerning his bones”
- L. Vs. 23-28 – “Moses...endured, as seeing him who is invisible”
- M. Vs. 29-30 – Children of Israel
- N. Vs. 31; Jam. 2:25 – Rahab
- O. Vs. 32-40 – Many more, “time will fail me”