



Sermon Title: Walk by Faith Not By Sight

Sermon Text: 2 Cor 4:16-5:10; Matt 9:18-31

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1. Introduction: Faith, the Great Equaliser

Faith in God is the great equaliser of all mankind. It is the divine 'operating system' in which 'we live and move and have our being.' We are saved 'through faith' (Eph 2:8) and 'without faith it is impossible to please God.' (Heb 11:6)

We exercise faith all the time, though not necessarily always in relation to God.

2. Walking By Faith – How?

2.1 (2 Cor 4:16-18) By looking 'to the things that are unseen' because they are eternal, the ultimate reality. To do otherwise will cause us to lose heart in the things of God.

2.2 (2 Cor 5:1-5) By looking to the immortality, that is ours when 'what is mortal will be swallowed up by (real) life' (v.4b) Such a way of life is only possible when 'we look to the things that are unseen.'

2.3 (2 Cor 5:6-10) By living our lives with the aim of pleasing Christ, knowing that one day we will stand before His judgement seat.

3. Conclusion: Walking By Faith?

Faith is the antithesis of the self-centred life, which is the essence of sin. Hence the key pillar of Biblical doctrine – 'The righteous / just shall live by faith.' (Rom 1:17, Hab 2:4)

'And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists (*even though it does not appear so*) and that he rewards those who seek him.' (Heb 11:6)

My Notes

The grave danger of living our lives around possession, power and position