House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

June: Great Faith

Week 2 – Faith that works

Introduction

Faith is like electricity. We cannot see it, but it powers much of our lives. We cannot see electrical current flowing through a conductor, but we can see it at work. A sceptical person could say to you, "prove to me that electrical power is flowing through this circuit". You could spend hours trying to convince this person by expounding the basics, theory and physics of electricity. Or you could simply flick on the light switch. The evidence of electrical power in the circuit is in the work that it does. Likewise, the evidence of our faith is in the work that it does. The purpose of faith is to give substance to that which we hope for – things such as salvation and our hearts' desires according to the will of God. How does this happen? How does faith make the invisible visible? How does faith work?

Pilot text

James 2:14-17 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

2 Cor 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

- How does faith work?
  - 1 Cor 13:2, Gal 5:6, 2 Cor 4:13, Mk 11:22-24, Rom 10:10, James 2:14-17, Heb 11.
- Real-life examples and experiences of faith working. Please share your own experiences and testimonies of how you have seen faith work in your life and others'.
- Take home actions
  - Consider any area of your life where you say you have faith, but have not taken any corresponding action. What are you going to do about it based on what you have learned today?