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Wisdom Of The Week



From the desk of Interim Pastor Henry B. Wallace

There's No Substitute!

*Hebrews 11:6 - "But **without faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*

In order to help control my blood pressure, I do not put salt on my foods. I use a salt substitute. There are some good substitutes in life. But, saints, when it comes to pleasing God, there is no substitute for faith. Faith is what wins acceptance from God; Faith is what God rewards. That's the point of verse 4.

What made Abel's sacrifice acceptable to God was Abel believed, had faith, that what God commanded, God would accept. Whatever his brother Cain's offering was, was void of faith. If Cain had faith in God, he would have offered what God demanded. God is not pleased; HE will not accept that which comes from an unbelieving heart.

There will be those times when we must do what this father did in *Mark 9:24*, "*And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.***"

Finally, we read in Romans 14:23 that "...*whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*" Lord, we wanna please YOU; give us the victory over our unbelieving heart. Strengthen us in those moments of unbelief. Remind us that there are NO SUBSTITUTES FOR FAITH; Faith in YOU. Faith in YOUR WORD! In Jesus Name Amen.
