



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## PLEASING GOD

Our highest aim in life should be that of *"pleasing God."* How do we do this? The answer is by FAITH. Read carefully **Hebrews 11:6**, *"And without FAITH it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must BELIEVE that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him."*

Faith is more than intellectual consent that God exists. It is truly believing in God, trusting Him fully and then obeying His commands. Note both words "faith" and "believe" occur in our passage, one being a noun the other a verb.

What does FAITH do? How does BELIEVING act?

**FAITH** is a lifestyle. *"But my righteous one shall live by FAITH and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 10:38).* Both Enoch and Noah *"walked with God" (Genesis 5:24; 6:9).* A way of life.

**FAITH** obeys God. It is impossible to claim to have a saving faith without carefully obeying God. A FAITH that does not obey is no faith at all. *"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also FAITH apart from words is dead" (James 2:26).* *"By FAITH Abraham obeyed God when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8).*

**FAITH** makes right decisions, even choosing suffering over treasure. *"By FAITH Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of a Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:24-25).*

Finally, like Abraham our FAITH will be counted as righteousness **(Romans 4:22)**. How wonderful to please God by living and walking in FAITH!

**Clinton Storm**

## TIME TO CONSIDER

Paul says in **Romans 6:11**, “...consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” The word consider has to do with our hearts. It means to evaluate or estimate. When we sit back and consider what God has done for us we embrace the fact that He has made us dead to sin. Consider what any child of God can say:

*I have been justified (**Romans 5:1**).*

*I died with Christ and died to the power of sin’s rule over my life (**Romans 6:1-6**).*

*I am free from condemnation (**Romans 8:1**).*

*I have received the Spirit of God into my life (**I Corinthians 2:12**).*

*I have been given the mind of Christ (**I Corinthians 2:16**).*

*I have been bought with a price: I am not my own: I belong to God (**I Corinthians 6:19-20**).*

*Since I have died, I no longer live for myself, but for Christ (**II Corinthians 5:14-15**).*

*I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me (**Galatians 2:20**).*

*I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (**Ephesians 1:3**).*

*I have been sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise as a pledge of inheritance (**Ephesians 1:13-14**).*

*I have received a spirit of adoption as an heir of Christ (**Romans 8:15-17**).*

*I have been made alive with Christ and clothed with Christ (**Ephesians 2:5; Galatians 3:27**).*

*I have been raised up and seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (**Ephesians 2:6**).*

*I have direct access to God through the Spirit (**Ephesians 2:18**).*

*I may approach God with boldness, freedom, and confidence (**Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:16**).*

*I have been rescued from the domain of Satan’s rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ (**Colossians 1:13**).*

*I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. The debt against me has been cancelled (**Colossians 1:14; 2:14**).*

*Christ himself is in me (**Colossians 1:27**).*

*I have been made complete in Christ (**Colossians 2:10**).*

*I have been buried, raised, and made alive with Christ (**Colossians 2:12-13**).*

*My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my life (**Colossians 3:3-4**).*

*I have been given exceedingly great precious promises by God which I am a partaker of God’s divine nature (**II Peter 1:4**).*

Consider. Evaluate. Estimate. Settle your heart on what God has accomplished – He has made us alive to Him and dead to sin. May our hearts respond with “Wow!” – and may we live boldly for Him.

Serving Jesus that the Kingdom may grow.

**Andy Miller**