

Enoch

Chapter 1 – Meet Enoch

The antediluvian period, the period of time before the great flood as related in the Book of Genesis, covered almost two thousand years, during which time a few men stood out spiritually. Regarding these men, God the Holy Spirit has chosen not to mention anything that is unnecessary, but is rather incisive in His description of them. As such, the recorded history in the Old Testament about them is limited to two essential points of doctrine:

- The doctrine resident in the soul
- The acquiring or the attainment of spiritual maturity and visible heroship

Our study of one of the visible heroes of the time before the flood is found in **Heb 11**, which references a man by the name of Enoch, an antediluvian hero and super-grace believer.

Enoch was an extraordinary man about whom remarkably few words are written in scripture. He was a person who had a dynamic impact on the time in which he lived, and he stands as a monument throughout the ages to the importance of positive volition toward bible doctrine. Even though **Heb 11:5** is a short paragraph of one verse, it is an extremely important commentary on the power of God's Word in our souls.

In **Heb 11:5** we are introduced to Enoch, a visible hero. In **verse 5**, we meet the person. In **verse 6**, we learn a great principle related to that person.

Heb 11:5 *By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

Heb 11:6 *And without faith [which is a reference to doctrine in this passage] it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

We begin in **verse 5** with the phrase *By faith*, which is the instrumental singular noun, *Pistei*, which in the instrumental case means *by means of doctrine*. The fact that the word *pistis* has meanings other than faith is well substantiated by the best etymologists (those who study the origins and meanings of words) including Arndt and Gingrich (Gin-grick) in "A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 2nd ed". page 664 states, "this word means that which is believed, a body of faith, or doctrine." These scholars agree that it is doctrine that is referred to in this passage because this noun is in the instrumental of means.

Correctly translated, **Heb 11:5** reads, *By means of doctrine*. It is understood from the general context that this means Bible doctrine in the soul. *Pistei* here refers to the daily perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine; and so, our corrected translation of **Heb 11:5** is, *By means of doctrine [resident in the soul] Enoch*.

Enoch was the son of Jared and the father of Methuselah, according to **Gen 5:18-24**. His son, Methuselah, was a spiritually mature believer as well. **Gen 5:24** says *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him*. Enoch was the seventh generation from Adam and he was called by occupation a prophet, according to **Jud 1:14**, which reads, *It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying*.

Enoch was a communicator of Bible doctrine; therefore he had to learn doctrine before he taught it. **Heb 11:5*** *By means of doctrine Enoch was taken up*. The segment *taken up* is an aorist passive indicative of the verb *metetethe*, which means to convey from one place to another, to be transferred. *Meta* means to change. The verb *tithemi* means to place something. So it means a change of place. In the passive voice, it means to be transferred. The aorist tense points to that time when Enoch was removed from the earth, apart from physical death. The passive voice means that Enoch received the action of the verb, being taken up apart from physical death and from this earth. This will be the

blessing for the Rapture generation, just as it was a blessing for Enoch. The indicative mood is declarative, a dogmatic statement of history. In other words, it is an historical fact that Enoch departed from this life apart from physical death.

So far, our corrected translation is, **Heb 11:5*** *By means of doctrine [resident in the soul] Enoch was transferred so that he should not see death.* This is a transfer from earth to heaven without death. Now, there is no scriptural reason given for his transfer. He's not one of the two witnesses who come back during the Tribulation period – those are Moses and Elijah. Enoch is a Gentile and not a Jew. According to **Rev 11:3-4**, the two witnesses that come back during the tribulation period are Jewish. Enoch is not involved in that at all.

God is sovereign and has a marvelous sense of humor, which means that every now and then He does something a little different. This simply emphasizes the fact that escrow blessings are not only phenomenal in their content, but also often unusual as far as this life is concerned. And as far as we know, this transference happened only to Enoch and Elijah.

Heb 11:5* *By means of doctrine [resident in the soul] Enoch was transferred so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took him up.* This means that the people of his time did a lot of searching for him. This was much different than death because a transfer means that the body is missing. In physical death, the soul leaves the body and the body sticks around, staying on earth. In a transfer such as we have with Enoch, the body goes along with the soul so there is no body and no sign of Enoch at all. It becomes apparent that there was some consternation in the family, as Enoch suddenly disappeared and was never heard from or seen again. Apparently from his own teaching, he made it very clear that something like this was going to happen so that those who were positive toward doctrine would understand. Those who were negative toward doctrine would find no explanation. The same thing will be true at the Rapture.

People believe that the rapture is going to stir up a lot of people because believers are going to disappear. Well, in the first place, there will be mighty few believers on the earth as we get down to the last great apostasy that precedes the rapture. Therefore, the disappearance of a few believers that are on earth is not going to cause much of a stir. With all of the satanic propaganda and activity during that time, people will be ignoring the whole thing and all of the missing bodies will be accounted for in some way. The rapture is a transfer, or a permanent change of location, for all believers.

Heb 11:5* *By means of doctrine [resident in the soul] Enoch was transferred so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took him up.* This was Enoch's last super-grace blessing in time. This verse concludes that dying grace is one of the super-grace blessings for invisible heroes. Dying grace is defined as the death of the mature believer. It is the experience of physical death under a special provision of grace, whereby the believer involved experiences both blessing and happiness while dying. Dying grace can occur regardless of the amount of pain and suffering while dying. There could be maximum pain or a minimum amount of pain, but in either case, there is maximum happiness and soul stimulation. Dying grace is for the mature believer only. **Psa 33:18-19** *Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear [are occupied with] Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness [have confidence in His grace], to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine [depression].*

Paul talked about dying grace in **2Ti 4:6-8** *For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

Psa 116:15 *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones [mature believers]. Dying grace removes the fear of death, Psa 23:4, Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are*

with me. Dying grace is the great blessing which comes at the termination of one's life. It is still a part of living. Physical death plus doctrine equals the greatest blessing of life. Dying grace is part of the mature believer's super-grace blessings. It is the link between temporal and eternal escrow blessings, **Rom 5:20; Heb 11:13**. It is the bridge which takes the believer from grace to grace. Dying grace is the link between time and eternity. The mature believer has the best for time. However, dying grace is blessing from God that is better than any other blessing in time. In eternity, He has better than the temporal best in store.

Always remember this, if there is nothing worth living for, there is nothing worth dying for. Dying grace is also the bridge between the *a fortiori* blessings of time and eternity. **Rom 5:12-17** *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

This *a fortiori* rationale says that if God provides the greater in time, He cannot withhold the lesser in eternity. It is easier for God to produce eternal blessing than to produce temporal blessing for the mature believer in time. Dying grace links the two categories of blessing. The believer without blessing in time receives none in eternity. In **2Ti 4:7-8**, Paul was dying. Since he held on to maturity until death, he knew he would be rewarded in eternity. Dying grace brings all eternal rewards into clear focus. The perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine are the only ways to reach and maintain spiritual maturity and to receive dying grace blessings, **Phi 3:12-14**.

You must press on, maintain your momentum, and advance to the objective for the purpose of reward. **Job 5:19-24** teaches that the mature believer has no fear of death. He has no fear of anything dangerous. The mature believer knows that no believer dies until the Lord says it's time to come home. And, once God calls a believer home, nothing can keep him here. The living must go on living while the dying is dying. A person in dying grace never hinders others from continuing their living. God is the expert. He decides when is the perfect time for each of us to depart from the earth. God's time is the best time.

There are 3 exceptions to Dying Grace.

1. Those under the sin unto death, **Phi 3:18-19**.
2. Those who transfer to eternity without dying, e.g., Enoch and Elijah, **Heb 11:5-6; 2Ki 2:1**.
3. The Rapture generation, **1Co 15:51-57; 1Th 4:16-18**.

The capacity for dying results from spiritual capacity in living. Spiritual capacity is attained through the three spiritual skills (the filling of the Holy Spirit, metabolization of doctrine, and execution of the Predesigned Plan of God through the use of the ten problem solving devices). If you have capacity for life, then you will have that capacity for dying.

Spiritual capacity is the basis for grace blessing in living and grace blessing in dying. This is what is meant by **Phi 1:21** *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.* There truly is great excitement for the believer in his dying experience.

In the divine initiative of grace, our Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, has provided two categories of fantastic blessing on this earth: the blessing related to living and the blessing related to dying. Living grace is related to the function of the spiritual skills, the application of metabolized doctrine to experience, but dying grace is walking through a valley where you live doctrine. You apply doctrine in the living phase; you live doctrine in the dying phase.

Every believer has his very own death-shadowed valley, **Psa 23:4** *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death [death-shadowed valley], I fear no evil, for You are with me.* This means that God decides the time, the manner, and the place of our death. And the principle is that the dying and death of every believer is the grace decision, wise decision, loving decision, and fair decision of the sovereignty of God. God is perfect; therefore, his timing is perfect in our death. Because of this, God knows the exact right time to transfer the believer from this veil of tears into His presence in heaven, so that no believer can be removed from this life apart from the wise and sovereign decision of a loving God. And until God makes that decision, no instrument of death can remove the believer from this life on earth.

Since our death is God's personal decision, it is also God's victory, but He has transferred that victory to us. For every believer, without exception, death is God's victory, which He has given to each one of us. The Lord Jesus Christ not only determines time, manner, and place of our death, but He also accompanies us through our very own valley.

God has given to us, through the divine initiative of antecedent grace, our very own death-shadowed valley, which is, the time, the manner, and the place of our death.

1Co 15:55, 57, *O Death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? [O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?] ...but thanks be to God, who gives us [to us for our benefit] the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rom 14:8 *For [not only] if we live, we live for the Lord, or [but also] if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

Ecc 3:1-2 *There is an appointed [a right] time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven-- A time to give birth [be born] and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.*

Job 1:21 *The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

In **1Th 4:13, 16-18**, we are told not to be ignorant about the subject of the death of loved ones, *But we do not want you to be uninformed [For we do not want to be ignorant], brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will [may] not grieve, as do the rest [believers ignorant of doctrine and unbelievers] who have no hope...For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

Heb 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen [In fact, doctrine keeps on being the reality from which we keep on receiving confidence, the proof of matters not being seen.]*

Heb 11:2 *For by it [doctrine] the men of old gained approval [that is they became spiritually mature and glorified God].*

Heb 11:3 *By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God [By means of doctrine we understand that the dispensations were prepared by the word of God], so that what is [being] seen [that is unfolding in history] was not made [has not come to pass] out of things which are visible [from the men who appear to control history].*

Heb 11:4 *By faith [means of doctrine resident in the soul] Abel offered to God a greater sacrifice than Cain, through which [offering] he received testimony [confirmation] that he was [or kept on being] righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith [the doctrine resident in his soul], though he is dead, he still speaks.*

Chapter 2 – Enoch’s Generational Formula

Heb 11:5* *By means of doctrine [resident in the soul] Enoch was transferred so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

We know very little about Enoch except that which is revealed in the few passages we have noted so far. Therefore we need to note something of extreme importance concerning the life of Enoch. There are some very peculiar and unique things that happened in the first 8 chapters of the Bible that simply require faith on our part. We simply have to believe that they are true in spite of the fact that they may not be understandable to us or seem to fit into the biblical concepts we may have.

We will be studying **Gen 5**. It is important to begin this passage by noting some principles, which will make it a little bit easier to understand. The first two thousands years of history, which we call the antediluvian civilization [before the flood], involve only a few chapters in **Genesis**. In fact, there are only eight chapters relating what happened to the world before the flood. But we can draw some very definite conclusions from what we have seen thus far.

God the Holy Spirit has seen fit to record in the Word of God a certain formula, or pattern, in the Hebrew. We are going to see that in **Gen 5** we have a generational formula, which is patterned using divinely constructed genealogy.

We are going to have to stop and spend some time with this formula, because no portion of the Word of God is to be ignored or lightly esteemed. Every portion of the Word has meaning and purpose, and, obviously, application to our lives, or it would not be given. Now, we are considering things that happened six or seven thousand years ago. By our standards, living a relatively short time on this earth as we do, that is an extremely long time. To God, it is not a long time at all.

First of all, before the flood, people lived much longer than we do now. In fact, we have the record of at least two people who lived almost a thousand years. One of these, by the way, was the grandfather and the other was the grandson. The first general point we want to note is that people lived a long, long time. The human body in those days was capable of living for nearly a millennium. The environment was vastly different, resulting in much better health standards. During the antediluvian civilization, the earth was not yet tilted on its axis, and there were no bacteria. Therefore, there was perfect climate and great health as a result of the good foods that grew from the trees and from the ground. Mankind has a different life span in each civilization. It is a well-known fact that historically, the shortest life span was during the Middle Ages, or what many call the dark ages.

In medieval times, people lived to be all of 32 or 33 before they died. A person of 50 was considered to be very old! If we had time to study the medieval times, we would see that the reasons for that had to do with their health standards (which were terribly low), their manner of diet, and their manner of living. All of these things were historically low.

Many of us perhaps have read or seen some romantic stories about knights. However, there wasn't anything romantic about a knight who never brushed his teeth, who constantly had decayed food in his mouth, and who never changed his clothes. In fact, he wore leather most of the time when he wasn't wearing his armor. And he wore the same leather shirt for possibly ten years. Of course, they had no napkins, they had no utensils for eating, such as knives, forks, and spoons, and they slobbered the food all over themselves and ate like pigs. They rarely took baths. Bathing was alien to their lifestyle and there was an aversion and apprehension to it.

It's interesting to study the manner in which they lived, and to note that the terrible conditions that existed in history existed because of religion. Religion was at its epoch, at its height! The medieval period is quite in contrast with the time we are studying during which people lived to be 930, 912, 962, and 969 years old.

Again, there are several reasons for this longevity. The climate before the flood was universally perfect. And as far as we can tell, the earth was not tilted on its axis. The tilt seems to have occurred as a result of the flood. And that little tilt in the earth as it rotates on its axis, has a great deal to do with the fact that we have variations in climate, and at that time there were no variations in climate. Before the flood, most of the water was stored under the earth. Some of the water came from the dew in the morning. They did not have violent storms and rain such as we have today. Their weather was very good. In fact, it was so good that the ladies had excellent skin even at age 800 or 900. And the food was absolutely perfect. The food quality, of course, was enriched by the excellent condition of the soil in the antediluvian civilization. There were no deserts in the antediluvian civilization. And though man had to work for his food, it contained all the vitamins, all the minerals, and everything that was necessary for good health. In addition to climate and excellent food, there was plenty of room on the earth, and there were not the terrible diseases that occurred during the postdiluvian civilization. The cities were not over-populated like they are today.

God could have restored the earth to its original form after the flood, but did not. Perhaps one of the reasons that man does not live **now** as long as he did in the antediluvian civilization is the fact that the longer we are alive, the more arrogant and corrupt we become. So perhaps it is the grace of God that the average person lives about 70 or 80 years. As David said **Psa 90:10** *As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years.* Biological life did not have the health hazards that we have today in the antediluvian civilization.

All of these things contribute to a much longer life. We will now note a formula that will enable us to understand what type of individual Enoch was.

We need to begin with **Gen 5:1** *This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.*

Gen 5:2 *He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.*

Gen 5:3 *When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.*

Gen 5:4 *Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:5 *So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.*

Gen 5:6 *Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.*

Gen 5:7 *Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:8 *So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.*

This passage is actually written in a Hebrew formula that is not revealed in the English translation. First year Hebrew students always want to get a passage like this for an examination, because the passage is definitely formulaic. For example, when it says in **verse 6** that Seth lived 105 years it is the qal imperfect of *chajah*. And every time someone lives hereafter it is always the same *chajah*. It's always in the qal imperfect and the imperfect tense indicates the elapse of time. The verse then says, *he lived 105 years and became the father of* which is the hiphil perfect of *jalad* which means to *cause to bring forth*. This hiphil perfect is a part of the formula.

So in **Gen 5:6** *And Seth lived* [qal imperfect of *chajah*] *one hundred and five years, and became* [the hiphil perfect of *jalad*] *the father of Enosh.*

Gen 5:7 *Then Seth lived* [qal imperfect of *chajah* again] *eight hundred and seven years after he became* [the hiphil perfect of *jalad*] *the father of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters.*

We see it follows the same formula in every paragraph.

Gen 5:8 *So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died [qal imperfect of muth].*

This formula is followed for every generation. Here is the reason and what it should mean to you: this formula is followed for every generation selecting and emphasizing **one** person. For example, **Gen 5:4** *Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

Gen 5:7 *Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

Gen 5:10 *Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

Gen 5:13 *Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

Gen 5:16 *Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

Gen 5:19 *Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

Gen 5:22 *Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had **other sons and daughters**.*

So they all had one son mentioned by name and then many unnamed children as well. Then they died. We see that this formula is found throughout this chapter. We will note in this formula that there are always others unnamed in each family, and the principle we derive from that is that families are divided through Bible doctrine. The adage that the family that "prays together stays together" is not true. The family that does anything together doesn't always stay together.

Old sin natures inevitably clash, and go in different directions. The only thing that holds a family together is the same thing by which there could be compatibility in the human race, and that is Bible doctrine resident in the soul. As Paul said in **Phi 2:2** *make my joy complete by being of the same mind.*

Rom 12:16 *Be of the same mind toward one another;*

Rom 15:5 *Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;*

1Co 1:10 *Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

Spiritual growth and spiritual advance is what keeps people together. Therefore if you want the truth of the matter, it is the family that takes in doctrine together that stays together. If you don't believe that, ask some of the men or women who are married to a person who has negative volition. Ask them how that hinders the marriage.

Out of the large family that each person had in the antediluvian civilization, **one** person is specified because that one person was the mature representative of that generation. He was the spiritual leader for that generation. Therefore, this line mentioned in **Gen 5**, is the line of mature believers in the antediluvian civilization. There were other mature believers around as well, but in every generation, including this one, there is always one spiritual leader that those who have positive volition toward doctrine are centered around. It happened in the early church with Peter and then James and then Paul and finally John and it has happened with men throughout the ages like Luther, Scofield, Chafer, etc.

So **Gen 5:9** *Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.* Many of these names also mean something to us. For example, Enosh means weak, helpless and hopeless and therefore represents the concept of grace. The people

who became great in every generation before the flood were grace people, mature believers who exploited grace to the maximum. Therefore let's note some principles before we go on.

1. **Verses 6-8** are a formula presenting the mature believer, the spiritual leader in every generation of Seth's line. The line of Seth is the line of spiritual leaders.
2. The same formula occurs throughout the chapter with several very dramatic exceptions.
3. Each generation had an ultra-super-grace hero who exploited God's grace to the maximum, and who left for us the heritage principle, which is the fact that the person who exploits God's grace in any generation of history is a person, blessed of God to the maximum, in time and in eternity. The blessings that are given to the visible or invisible hero are fantastic in time, but beyond description in eternity. As previously mentioned, escrow blessings are not only phenomenal in their content but often unusual as far as this life is concerned.
4. Each generation has an ultra-super-grace hero, a spiritual leader, a person around whom all who are positive toward doctrine and God's plan can rally.
5. This chapter therefore is not merely a formula, but a part of the word of God, and it becomes a memorial to the importance of spiritual growth in every generation regardless of the circumstances. This anticipates **Chapter 6** of the book of **Genesis** where some of the terrible things occurred before the flood at a time of wonderful living conditions and excellent environment. People lived for a long time. They had excellent food! They had perfect air and perfect health and yet the old sin nature managed to destroy the best of everything. **Gen 5** is a pleasant chapter, where **Gen 6** is a horrible chapter. In those days, you either lived in **Gen 5** or **Gen 6** depending upon your attitude toward TLJC and your attitude toward doctrine as it was revealed in those days.
6. No extensive details with regard to each one of these families, the names of all the children and all the things they did, none of these facts are provided. Merely the fact that in every generation before the flood there was a strong spiritual heritage, and there always has been. God has in every generation, his own representatives, not all believers, but those believers who crack the maturity barrier.
7. In every generation there is also apostasy, reversionism, evil, religion, and legalism. Satan never lets up in any generation. Satan is still alive and heavily pressing after hundreds of generations.
8. The repetition of this Hebrew formula down through the tenth generation is a reminder that history's greatest people are the mature believers of any generation.

This formula then becomes a memorial to history's greatest people.

Gen 5:9 *Enosh lived [qal imperfect of *chajah*] ninety years, and became the father of [the hiphil perfect of *jalad*] Kenan.*

Gen 5:10 *Then Enosh lived [qal imperfect of *chajah*] eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of [the hiphil perfect of *jalad*] Kenan, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:11 *So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died [that's always the qal imperfect of the verb *muth*].*

Remember that this formula continues throughout. It follows an exact formula of sentence structure, verbiage and morphology of the verbs. Enoch was the spiritual leader of his generation, and this paragraph is a memorial to his true greatness in history. True greatness in life, true greatness in history, is cracking the maturity barrier and becoming an invisible hero. Exploitation of the grace of God demands maximum saturation of Bible doctrine in the soul. The fourth generation mature believer who was a leader is found in **verses 12-14**. His name is Kenan.

Gen 5:12 *Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.*

Gen 5:13 *Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:14 *So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.*

Kenan means smith, lancers, or manufacturer. He was the person who exploited doctrine. He exploited grace to the maximum. His name has significance in the sense that it means a manufacturer. He was a businessman of great success.

We think of spiritual success in terms of a missionary or an evangelist or a pastor or of someone who communicates doctrine, however, that is not true. Here is spiritual greatness in the field of free enterprise and this person is spiritually great and exploits grace to the maximum through the utilization of doctrine - as a businessman. The fifth generation mature believer, who was a leader, is found in **verses 15-17**. His name is Mahalalel which means praise of God, or praise belongs to God. His name emphasizes the fact that the way to God and the way to glorify God is through reaching spiritual maturity and become an invisible hero.

Gen 5:15 *Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.*

Gen 5:16 *Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:17 *So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.*

Mahalalel emphasized the fact that in every generation, no matter how terrible the situation may be, and no matter what the handicap, or what a maximum number of old sin natures might do to hinder doctrine, someone always cracks the maturity barrier and becomes a spiritual leader to that generation. He is someone around whom those who have positive volition toward doctrine are centered.

The sixth generation mature believer who was a leader is found in **verses 18-20**, his name is Jared, and his name means decent and it signifies the fact that through Bible doctrine the super-grace believer heads a long line of mature believers in every generation. It is the line of leadership for every generation.

Gen 5:18 *Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.*

Gen 5:19 *Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:20 *So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.*

Enoch is the seventh generation mature believer and is the subject of our study. He is the exception to the formula.

Gen 5:21 *Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.*

Gen 5:22 *Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.*

Gen 5:23 *So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.*

Gen 5:24 *Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

Heb 11:5 *By faith [means of doctrine resident in the soul] Enoch was taken up [transferred] so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took [had transferred] him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.* The phrase *obtained the witness* is the perfect passive indicative of the verb *martureo*, which is *memarturetai*, which in the passive voice means to be well spoken of, approved, to obtain a deposition. And what is the deposition that stands even until this moment? What stands is a deposition that was taken over 5,000 years ago; a deposition which is still standing today? One that states before he was taken up, Enoch was pleasing to God. The perfect active infinitive of *euarestekenai*, which means to please, refers to God deriving pleasure from an individual. The perfect tense is an intensive perfect emphasizing the fact that he kept pressing on until he reached spiritual maturity and invisible heroship. The active voice means that he persisted with positive volition toward doctrine. He was one of the most persistent people in all of human history. He was down right stubborn and hardheaded about the importance of Bible doctrine, and he would never let anything stop him.

Heb 11:5 *By faith [means of doctrine resident in the soul] Enoch was taken up [transferred] so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took [had transferred] him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

Pleasing God is a matter of entering into spiritual maturity and becoming a spiritual champion or invisible hero. Pleasing God is a matter of consistent, persistent, positive volition toward doctrine, never for a moment letting up on the intake of doctrine, going forward under all circumstances of life. This is why Paul said in **2Ti 4:2** *preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.* There are certain requirements for pleasing God.

For example, **Rom 8:8** says *and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.* This simply refers to the fact that no matter what you do, if you are not filled with the Spirit, it is not pleasing to God. It may be pleasing to you, but it is not pleasing to God. It may even be pleasing to others, but it is not pleasing to God.

Pleasing God is a matter of walking in the PPOG, **1Th 4:1** *Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received [doctrine] from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you [may] excel still more.* Pleasing God is being able to go through affliction and pain and still remain faithful to Him.

Psa 69:29 *But I am afflicted and in pain; May Your salvation [deliverance] O God, set me securely on high.*

Psa 69:30 *I will praise the name of God with song, And [shall] magnify Him with thanksgiving.*

Now remember, this is your attitude while you're going through something.

Psa 69:31-36 *And it will please the Lord better than an ox Or a young bull with horns and hoofs. The humble have seen it and are glad; You who seek God, let your heart revive. For the Lord hears the needy, And does not despise His who are prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it. The descendants of His servants will inherit it, And those who love His name will dwell in it.*

We are also told that marriage can be a distraction of pleasing the Lord in **1Co 7:32** *But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.*

In **Num 24:1**, blessing God's people is said to please the Lord, *Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel,*

Paul said that communicating truth, and not compromising, pleases the Lord in **1Th 2:4** *but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.*

Look at **1Ki 3:5-14**, *In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what you wish me to give you." Then Solomon said, You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted [cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.] So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours? It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing. God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, behold, I*

have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.

Returning to **Heb 11:5** *By faith [means of doctrine resident in the soul] Enoch was taken up [transferred] so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took [had transferred] him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

Heb 11:6 gives us another reason that Enoch was pleasing to God. In **Heb 11:6** *And without faith [which is a reference to doctrine in this passage] it is impossible to please Him.* Knowing this, we can conclude that Enoch had the faith necessary to please God.

Chapter 3 – Principles Concerning Doctrine

Seventeen principles concerning doctrine:

1. All believers must learn to endure against the attacks made on Bible doctrine. **2Ti 4:3** *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;*
2. There is a tremendous price to pay for receiving Bible doctrine. **Pro 23:23** *Buy truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding.* You may have to travel a little to get truth. It's very interesting that in the days of TLJC people complained about traveling to hear doctrine. However, our Lord dealt with that issue directly in **Mat 12:42** when He said that, *The queen of the south will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.* Notice that He said something greater is here, not someone (though He is indeed greater). However, He is referring to doctrine!
3. Doctrine is very important because experiential sanctification comes only through Bible doctrine, not through human works, or achievement. **Joh 17:17** *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*
4. Therefore, the believer must also have praise toward the word of God. **Psa 56:4** *In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me?* **Psa 56:10** *In God, whose word I praise, In the Lord, whose word I praise,*
5. And this is because the word of God is who God is. **Joh 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* **Joh 1:14** *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw [beheld] His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.* **Rev 19:13** *He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God.*
6. Rejection of Bible doctrine produces poverty, acceptance produces reward. **Pro 13:13** *The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, but the one who fears the commandment [respects the word] will be rewarded.* **Pro 16:20** *He who gives attention to the word will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.*
7. Persecution will arise on the believer who makes Bible doctrine their number one priority. **Mat 13:21** *Yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.*
8. Bible doctrine is the basis for the divine judgment at both the Bema Seat Judgment and the White Throne Judgment. **Joh 12:48** *He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.*
9. Love for TLJC is based upon the believer guarding Bible doctrine in their life. **Joh 14:23** *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."* **Joh 14:24** *He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.*
10. Bible doctrine communicated is what cleans up the believer's life. **Joh 15:3** *You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.* **Eph 5:26** *so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

11. It is through the communication of Bible doctrine that disciples increase. **Act 6:7** *The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem.* **Act 20:32** *And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.* **Rom 10:17** *so faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*
12. Bible doctrine is the weapon that the believer uses in life. **Eph 6:17** *and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.* **Heb 4:12** *for the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*
13. Only fools despise Bible doctrine. **Pro 1:7** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.* **Pro 1:22** *How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded [simplicity]? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, and fools hate knowledge?* **Pro 10:14** *Wise men store up knowledge, but with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.* **Pro 15:14** *The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on folly.*
14. Bible doctrine is that which is pleasant to the soul. **Pro 2:10** *For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;* **Pro 24:4** *And by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.* **Pro 24:5** *A wise man is strong, and a man of knowledge increases power.* **Ecc 7:12** *For wisdom is protection just as money is protection, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.* **Pro 19:8** *He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good.*
15. Rejection of Bible doctrine produces destruction. **Isa 5:13** *Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge;*
Hos 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*
16. God desires doctrine in the soul, not human works. **Hos 6:6** *For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.* **Rom 10:2** *For I testify about [bear them witness] them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.*
17. True love is based on the intake of Bible doctrine. **Phi 1:9** *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment.*

The importance of knowledge of Bible doctrine cannot be emphasized enough, because without it, a person cannot please God!

The main word in this passage that we have been noting is *pistis*, which has three different meanings in scripture.

1. *Pistis* means that which causes trust and faith and is therefore translated faithfulness, reliability, proof and pledge.
2. The second meaning is "faith" in the active sense of believing, which is translated faith, trust, and confidence.
3. There is a third use of the word, which is quite common, but hardly ever translated in the old translations and that usage of faith refers to "that which is believed" or "the body of faith and belief" and is therefore translated doctrine. So, here is the issue - if you desire to please God, you must make daily decisions to take in doctrine. The deliberate aim of your life as a member of the Royal family of God should be to "please Him".

Chapter 4 – Pleasing God

So far we have as a corrected translation of **Heb 11:6***, *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him*. Pleasing God is consistent, persistent, positive volition toward doctrine. This simply means making every possible decision to take in doctrine, regardless of distractions, regardless of mental attitude sins, regardless of traps of any kind, or of any circumstance in life. If you desire to please God, you must make DAILY decisions to take in doctrine. Therefore **Heb 11:6*** should be translated, *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please God*.

As we enter into this principle you have a right to ask yourself some very objective questions, which you must answer objectively. Since you are your own priest, you are responsible for your own life before God, and therefore you have a direct responsibility to God. The first question you should ask yourself is "who are you trying to please in this life?"

You have to be honest with yourself. If you lie to yourself, there is no way you are ever going to get straightened out with regard to what is important in life. Are you trying to please others? Are you trying to please yourself? Or, are you trying to please God?

GAL 1:10 *For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.*

Col 3:22 *Slaves [Labor], in all things obey those who are your masters on earth [obey human management on the basis of all things], not with external service [eyeservice], as those who merely please men [people-pleasers], but with sincerity of heart [the integrity of the right lobe], fearing [making a role model out of] the Lord.*

1Th 2:4 *but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.*

Rom 15:1 *Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Bearing the weaknesses of the weak is maximum utilization of impersonal love, and total tolerance in the area of non-essentials.*

Rom 15:2 [Let] *each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell upon Me."* This is a warning, because the more we advance in the PPOG, the greater the danger that in adolescence, especially, there will be the inflexibility that will cause violations of the Royal Family Honor Code. That inflexibility turns us against friends and loved ones because they don't come to church. That inflexibility causes us to be insensitive toward others. We become thoughtless and rather than hypersensitivity, the Royal Family Honor Code demands sensitivity and thoughtfulness of others.

So **Heb 11:6** should be translated, *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please God*.

Inevitably you have to come to the place (often through discipline, often through many tragedies, heartaches, and difficulties) in which God is going to be pleased. You are here as His guest. You are a member of the Royal family of God. You have a home, not here, but in the holy of holies! The Christian way of life isn't complicated and it isn't filled with a lot of gimmicks. Often commands are distorted into gimmicky systems, such as the command to give, the command to witness, or the command to pray. However, these things are to be motivated by the balance in the soul between the filling of the Spirit and doctrine, and these things are often distorted. They are made a system or a standard of evaluation whereby you and your peers evaluate other believers on the basis of how much they're doing "for God". However, everything that pleases God is related to Bible doctrine.

1Th 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more.

Pleasing God includes positive volition. Pleasing God includes facing certain tests and passing them. Pleasing God includes the assembling of yourselves together and recognizing the authority of the pastor-teacher. **Heb 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.* None of us can please God without doctrine in the soul and none of us have ever received doctrine in the soul without submitting to academic discipline.

In **Heb 11:6**, the word *for* is the explanatory use of the particle *gar*, which indicates why there is only one way to please God in this life.

Heb 11:6* *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes...he who comes* is a present middle participle, *proserchomenon* meaning to approach or to occupy oneself with. The translation then is *for when one is occupied with [to theo] the God.* The present tense is a customary present for what habitually occurs, or may be expected to occur once you get positive and stick to your guns. The customary present tense means that it is the Christian custom to be occupied with God. In the middle voice, God draws you to himself, but you must have positive volition toward doctrine to draw near to Him.

A lot of people get distracted for one reason or another, but the key is consistency, because without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him.

Heb 11:6* *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must believe...must* is a present active indicative of the verb *dei*, which is a verb that is used for the compulsion of duty. It indicates the fact that no matter where you go in life you're going to face the issue of authority and discipline. Duty is the combination of authority and discipline. It also refers to an inner necessity growing out of a given situation. In other words, this is actually a verb of obligation.

There are two directions concerning obligations.

1. Refusing to place yourself in a position of obligation to others as Abram did in **Gen 14:22-24**.
2. Accepting your obligation to God for the many blessings He has provided for you, **Deu 4:32-40**.

In **Heb 11:6** the verb for obligation is the present active indicative of *dei*, which is translated "must," but it means compulsion of duty, necessity growing out of a given situation. The given situation is that you are born again! You are a member of the Royal Family of God. Your life now has meaning, purpose, and definition! The word of God has given you objectives and definitions in life!

So far, our corrected translation of **Heb 11:6*** is, *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must believe.* The word for *believe* is an aorist active infinitive, *pisteusai* which means to believe, to be convinced of something so that you become dogmatic about it. The aorist tense is a constantive aorist, and it gathers into one ball of wax the concept of the verb, which is the fact that the believer **must be convinced**. And he must be convinced by resident doctrine. You see what is at issue here.

First of all, you expose yourself to a little doctrine, and it becomes resident in your soul. That doctrine must then convince you of the importance of going on with doctrine. You then get a little more of doctrine by going on with doctrine. The accumulation of doctrine in your frame of reference convinces you from that doctrine in your soul that you must go on with doctrine. When you get more doctrine, then you are tested. Your testing comes in the form of

people, things, thoughts, etc. In whatever area you are tested, the doctrinal frame of reference says one thing, which is; get more Bible doctrine in your soul.

The old sin nature says something altogether different, which is that doctrine is not important. The more doctrine you get in your soul, the more those inner resources dictate to your volition.

We now have, **Heb 11:6*** *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with God must be convinced by resident doctrine.* The doctrine in your soul must convince you to come back tomorrow and get more doctrine.

Heb 11:6* *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, ...He is* is the present active indicative of *EIMI* which means "he keeps on being," which has to do with essence of God and the fact that God exists, and that He has a plan.

Heb 11:6* *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He is...* Now, the second *He is* is not *He is* at all! The first clause is *He is* but the second is actually the present middle indicative of the verb *ginetai* meaning to become. Not only is He, but He becomes something under the correct circumstances! So we should have, "*that He is and He becomes.*"

You see, God **is**, that's a fact! He is, He always will be! But, there are certain conditions in which He becomes something. The key to this verb is the voice. The middle voice is an intensive middle, which emphasizes the part taken by the subject, the subject being God. And the form of the indirect middle stresses the agent as producing the action of the verb, so we translate it *and that He Himself becomes.*

So we have a compiled corrected translation of **Heb 11:6*** as, *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He becomes.*

Now, what is it that God the Father becomes to us under certain conditions? God becomes *A rewarder*, which is the noun *misthapodotes*, which is translated correctly, "a rewarder," or someone who pays wages. This is a hapax legomena, which means that this is a word that is only used once in the Bible.

Heb 11:6* *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He becomes a rewarder.* The fact that *God is* is a fact! And doctrine tells us the reality of the existence of God. But, the fact that God is a rewarder is a possibility, or a potential, depending upon your attitude toward doctrine. Doctrine is the basis for divine blessing in your life. This is why we have so many passages in the Bible where doctrine promises to bless us and reward us.

Pro 3:2 *For length of days and years of life And peace [doctrine] they will add to you.*

Pro 3:16 *Long life is in her [doctrine's] right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor.*

Pro 4:8 *Prize her, and she will exalt you; She will honor you if you embrace her.*

Pro 8:21 *To endow those who love me with wealth [Doctrine endows those who love it with wealth], That I may fill their treasuries.*

Pro 9:11 *For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.*

Heb 11:6* *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He becomes a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

God becomes a rewarder, not of all believers, but of those who seek Him, as mentioned in this chapter, through the doctrine resident in the soul. If you have doctrine resident in the soul, it is because you have been making decisions to *seek Him*. *Those who seek Him* is a present active participle, *ekzetousin*, which means to diligently or earnestly seek. It is a verb of obsession.

It means that something becomes so important in life that it crowds out other things, just as an obsession would. It means that Bible doctrine and its importance becomes an obsession in life. It means to seek out, to search for, to continually, habitually seek in the participial form. The verb therefore is used for consistent positive volition toward Bible doctrine. The present tense is a static present used for a condition which perpetually exists. And it represents the importance of being consistent with your positive volition toward doctrine. The believer must persevere! He must endure! He must gut it out! He must keep on taking doctrine in!

Seeking Him is gutting it out, day in and day out with doctrine. If you know that a passage is going to be dull or boring to you and you do not come to class or want to study the subject, you are not diligently seeking God. Those who diligently seek Him are the people who are monuments of greatness in this passage, the super-grace invisible and visible heroes!

So the entire corrected verse says in **Heb 11:6** *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He becomes a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

Rewards are given for works, but the works must be the result of divine power in operation. For example, in **Psa 19:11** keeping doctrine resident in the soul brings great rewards, *Moreover, by them [in context, doctrines] Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.*

In **Pro 22:4**, rewards are given for your humility and respect toward the Lord, *The reward of humility and respect for the Lord are riches, honor and life.*

Mar 9:41, rewards are given for the way that you treat followers of TLJC, *For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.*

1Co 3:8, rewards are given for your labor and work in God's kingdom, *Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

The warning concerning the rewards for the Church-age believer is also given in **2Jo 6-9**, *And this is love [virtue-love], that we walk according to His commandments [the mystery doctrine of the Church-age]. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it [the PPOG].*

2Jo 1:7 *For many deceivers have gone out into the world [or as the TCNT translation says, many impostors have left us to go back into the world or the cosmic system], those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh [or in our human nature]. This is the [mark of a] deceiver and the antichrist [those against Christ].*

2Jo 1:8 *Watch yourselves, that you do [might] not lose what we have accomplished [your momentum and your spiritual growth] but that you may receive a full reward [the imputation of your escrow blessings in time and in eternity.]*

2Jo 1:9 *Anyone who goes too far [or who keeps advancing out of bounds] and does not abide [or remain] in the teaching of Christ [Bible doctrine] does not have [fellowship with] God; the one who abides in the teaching [or the PPOG], he has [fellowship with] both the Father and the Son."*

Rev 22:12 *Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to **what he has done.***

Chapter 5 – Bible Doctrine in the Soul

Returning to **Heb 11:6***, *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He becomes a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

Let's note a couple of principles;

1. This verse shows us the fundamental principles of the importance of doctrine resident in the soul. You would expect that after the thrust of the first five verses. The importance of doctrine resident in the soul is reiterated as it is in almost every verse in the forty verses of this chapter. And you will begin to see the manifestation of this doctrine in the life those who have become spiritual champions and visible heroes.
2. This chapter on positive volition toward doctrine is the antithesis of **chapter 12** in which discipline is given because of negative volition.
3. We see that **Heb 11** teaches us the **blessings** from positive volition, while **Heb 12** tells us about the **discipline** that will come to those who are negative toward God's instructions.

Heb 12:5-17 *and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him; This discipline and reproof comes from the rejection of Bible doctrine. For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it [discipline is designed to train you, not hurt you though it may], afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.*

4. We see that as the believer begins to absorb Bible doctrine, he becomes more and more convinced as to the essence of God and the reality of each member of the Trinity.
5. As the believer begins to absorb Bible doctrine, he begins to formulate in his soul the difference between what God wants and what other people want. Resident doctrine dictates one course of action whereas the old sin nature dictates another course of action. Ultimately, if you back away from doctrine, you will face the conflict, until through reversionism, doctrine is submerged, or the red-alert system from doctrine warns you of your negative decisions.
6. The persistence in learning doctrine causes the believer to seek Him who is invisible. This is how the invisible becomes more real than the visible.
7. This verse promises rewards to those who seek God.

There are many fantastic rewards for those who seek God. For example, **Deu 4:29** is the reward of getting to know God personally, *But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.* **Psa 34:10** tells us, *The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the*

*Lord shall not be in want of any good thing. **Pro 28:5** Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all things.*

Chapter 6 – The Invisible Hero

Back in **Gen 5**, we will note of our final passage concerning our visible hero, Enoch. As we've noted, there is always someone who exploits the grace of God to the maximum. That person takes in doctrine as do very **few** people in history. There is a positive volitional acceptance of doctrine, and then there is an all out total reception of doctrine that occurs occasionally in history. God has seen fit, in the course of the scriptural record to give us the names of a few people who did exactly this. They are usually called fanatics and they are just that - they are fanatics toward Bible doctrine. The definition of the word fanatic from *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* is: inspired by a deity; marked by excessive enthusiasm; and often-intense uncritical devotion. Because doctrine is more important to these believers than anything else in life, they stand as a challenge to any generation. Such a man was Enoch.

Everyone is given this opportunity to become a hero in his or her age. Stated simply, the truth is this: some people have the good sense to concentrate on doctrine and let life come to them. You see, most people are going out after life...that's the problem! Most people are trying to get something in life, get somewhere, impress someone, etc. It is very rare for any person to wake up and learn what life is all about and let life come to him. Enoch was a person who was so relaxed with Bible doctrine that He let life come to him. His life was doctrine and therefore he had a wonderful life. He had everything that anyone could ever want in life and much more.

Unfortunately, most people spend their entire life fighting life, trying to achieve things in life, trying to have friends in life, trying to be popular, trying to succeed and do this and do that. God doesn't deny these things to the doctrinal believers like Enoch but He adds something - fantastic happiness and contentment, while the individual let's life come to him.

Enoch lived for one thing only, doctrine! Pursuing doctrine intensely, he exploited the grace of God. One day he discovered that life was pursuing him. As **Psa 23:6** says, *Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life.* Promotion and success came to him! Wealth came to him! Love came to him! Life came to him just as life came to everyone of us at the moment of birth. And Who brought that life to us?...God did!

Gen 5:22 *Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.* It's interesting to note that Methuselah lived longer than anyone in all of human history, 969 years, probably because of the blessing by association with his father Enoch. Methuselah died the year that the flood occurred and his death was a warning that it was the year of the flood. *Methuwshelach* means "when he is dead it shall be sent." *Methu* means to die. *Shelach* means "to send." So when he died the flood was sent.

Gen 5:23 *So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.*

Gen 5:24 *Enoch walked with God;* Notice that He "**walked**" with God not "**worked**" for God but walked with God with doctrine resident in the soul.

Gen 5:24 *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for [Elohim] God took him.*

This honor, which was given to Enoch, is so rare that it almost doesn't exist. As far as the word of God is concerned, it is an honor that only happened to one other man, Elijah. Enoch walked out of this life half way between the fall and the flood. This man was simply too great and too graced out for the last half of the antediluvian civilization. His greatness was so far beyond what was going on in the world at that time that God took him off the earth. He would have been the target of all of the wickedness of those who lived during the antediluvian civilization. Mature believers are not only blessed in national disaster or international disasters, but mature believers are always a warning of historical disaster, which is part of God's grace towards them.

There are five different aspects of the grace of God.

1. Saving grace

2. Living grace
3. Super-grace
4. Dying grace
5. Surpassing grace

Enoch went from super-grace to surpassing grace without the experience of physical death. The transfer of Enoch is a monument to the fact that a person can break every frontier of knowledge and arrive at something that is absolutely totally and completely fantastic. It is possible to be so strong in positive volition, to be so stable a person, to be so remarkable in character, that you keep driving and driving, and accumulate more doctrine than anyone else. Enoch had so much doctrine in his soul that the doctrine in his soul put down the drawbridge between time and eternity. Having built that bridge, by living as though he was in eternity, Enoch impressed God to the extent that God said why bother with death, and He took him.

Chapter 6 – Characteristics of a Winner Believer

In eternity past, God designed two phases for every believer. These phases are optional, depending upon your attitude toward doctrine in time. The super-grace phase is for blessing in time. The surpassing grace phase is for blessing in eternity. Your persistent positive volition toward doctrine results in attaining the super-grace status. But entering into super-grace and sticking it out are two different things. It is the holding and the saturation of doctrine afterward that is the issue in Enoch's life.

Enoch was so strong after he reached spiritual maturity and he seized and held his spiritual growth so closely that he parlayed super-grace into surpassing grace, and thereby he by-passed dying grace. **Gen 5:24** *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.* Now be sure you understand that this was not a death. God did not kill him and then take him home. Enoch never died. Remember what the corrected translation of **Heb 11:5** said, *By means of doctrine [resident in the soul] Enoch was transferred so that he should **not see death**.* Enoch crossed the bridge into eternity without dying!

Although some of you may not be notable in this life, you are going to have fantastic blessings in eternity that it are beyond description. And in eternity, you will be known because somewhere along the line you caught on to the importance of doctrine resident in the soul. You will be a winner in time, and therefore have the privileges of being a winner in the eternal state.

Winners are described in **Rev 2-3** by the present active participle of *nikao*, as in **Rev 2:7,11,17,26** and **3:5,12,21**. In each case, the participle is translated like a noun, *the winner*. It is translated "overcometh" because it is a participle used as a noun and it means to subdue, to conquer, to overcome, to get the victory. For example, winners will be able to eat of the Tree of Life in the middle of the Paradise of God. **Rev 2:7** *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes [the winner], I will grant to eat of [give to him the privilege of eating from] the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.*

Only winners have the privilege of access to the Gazebo in the Garden, and to the Tree of Life. The winner is a member of the Paradise Club forever, which membership includes these three special privileges:

- eating from the Tree of Life
- access to the Gazebo in the Garden
- access to the Paradise of God, **Rev 2:7**.

In **Rev 2:11**, they shall not be hurt by the 2nd death because of blessing by association, *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes [the winner] will not be hurt by the second death.*

In **Rev 2:17**, the *nikonti* [overcomers] eat of the hidden manna, they receive a new name on a white stone, and the new knighthood is given to them. **Rev 2:17** *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes [the winner], to him I will give [I will give him blessing from] some of the hidden manna [escrow blessing for time and eternity]; and I will give him a white stone [pebble] [the resurrection body, God's final vote of justification (they voted with colored pebbles in the ancient world)] and a new name written on the stone [on that white pebble has been inscribed a new title] [your royal patent in the eternal heraldry] which no one knows [you are an anonymous hero during the Church Age] but he who receives it.* Each winner alone knows his place in the eternal order of chivalry.

In **Rev 2:26**, the overcomers are given power and authority to rule nations, *He who overcomes [the winner], and he who keeps My deeds [even he who keeps My assignments] [the fulfillment of the predesigned plan of God to spiritual self-esteem and spiritual maturity] until the end [of his life], to him I will give authority over the nations.*

In **Rev 3:5**, they are clothed with the uniform of glory, *He who overcomes will be clothed in white garments and I will not erase his name* [never blot out his title] [the winner is knighted at the judgment seat of Christ] *from* [out of] *the book of life*. [In fact,] *and I will confess* [acknowledge] *his name* [title] *before* [in the presence of] *My Father and before His angels* [a formal presentation]. The decoration includes presentation in the Court of Heaven to God the Father. While this occurs in the third heaven for all winners, the losers will wait in the second heaven.

In **Rev 3:12**, the winners' names are written in the historical record section of heaven and he has a coat of arms, **Rev 3:12**, which allows him to enter the New Jerusalem. **Rev 3:12** *He who overcomes* [The winner], *I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore* [Furthermore, he will never again vanish (go outside) from history]; [Also] *and I will write* [emblazon] *on him the title of My God, and the name of the city of My God* [this will be his pass to enter the eternal city, the new Jerusalem, a satellite city suspended above the earth in the atmosphere or in space], *the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of* [shall descend from] *heaven from My God; and* [also] *My new name* [title] [King of kings, Lord of lords, bright morning star].

Only the winner can enter the New Jerusalem. The winners have this new title written upon them as they follow their fearless leader back to earth in **Rev 19:11-16**. In **Rev 3:21**, winners are granted to sit with Christ on His throne.

Rev 3:21 *He who overcomes* [the winner], *I will grant* [give] *to him to sit down* [the reward of sitting] *with Me on My throne, as I also overcame* [have won] *and sat down with My Father on His throne*.

And then finally, in **Rev 21:7**, winners inherit fantastic blessings in the eternal state. **Rev 21:7** *He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son*. This is a description of the winner in the eternal state, the one who discovers in time that the word of God is alive and powerful.

As a winner, that will be your attitude, not only in time, but forever and ever and ever in the eternal state. Winners are individuals who understand that the living word and the written word are the same, and that the living word is merely the thinking of the living word.

Chapter 7 – The Christian Soldier

Gen 5:22 *Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. The word for walk means to be walking in a wide sense, to travel widely.*

Gen 5:23 *So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.*

Gen 5:24 *Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for [Elohim] God took him.* Now, this was an honor, which is so rare that it was bestowed only one other time. As mentioned previously, this honor is so rare that only one other man, Elijah, was the recipient of it.

Gen 6:5 describes to us the world at that time when it says, *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was **only evil continually**.*

Enoch shocked his generation and became a monument forever to the fact that no one by being faithful to the written word will ever lose out! Those believers will stand out in time and in eternity. They will have all of those privileges in the future and in eternal state previously noted. There will be no wimpy testimonies in eternity.

What is a wimpy testimony? “**Oh, what** I have given up for the Lord! **Oh, what I** have given up for this church!” People who don’t understand the issue give wimpy testimonies!

We will never hear Enoch giving a wimpy testimony. Whatever Enoch had to give up along the way was nothing compared to what God would give him and to what God would do. It was absolutely nothing! This is why Bible doctrine is more important than anything else.

As an example, one day Peter went up to the Lord and said in **Mar 10:28** *Behold, we have left everything and followed You.* **Mar 10:29** *Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,"* **Mar 10:30** *but that he will receive a hundred times as much **now in the present age**, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, **along with persecutions**; and in the age to come, [fantastic] eternal life.*

Enoch became a monument forever to the fact that no one by being faithful to the written word will ever lose out. Peter thought he had a great testimony with regard to all that he had given up for the Lord. And the Lord said to Peter you're the one who benefits by giving things up for me. You're the one who gets blessed.

David expressed this principle in **1Ch 29:14** when he said, *But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.* David said that we are able to offer very generously, and he then said, *but who am I and who are my people, for all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given to You.* Now, why did he say that? If all things come from God, then why does God want us to give anything to Him. Why does He desire for us to give graciously, and not only to Him, but also to others we see that are in need?

The Apostle Paul taught in **1Co 4:7** that everything that we have been given has been given to us in some way by God. **1Co 4:7** *For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And [But] if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?* Often times we think that we are something, and that we have earned the time, talent, and treasure that we have. However, that's not what the Bible says. The Bible says *What do you have that you did not receive, and if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had earned it yourself or had not received it?*

David said in **Psa 24:1** *The Earth is the Lord's and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.* Well, who owns the Earth? The Lord. In **Psa 50:10** The Lord says, *For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a*

thousand hills. In Psa 89:11 David said that, The heavens are Yours, the Earth also is Yours; the world and all it contains, You have founded them.

What about the money and the riches on Earth? In **Hag 2:8** *'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' declares the Lord of hosts.*

Now, think about this objectively. If all this is true, and it is, if everything belongs to The Lord, if all the silver and all the gold belongs to the Lord, if everything that's in the Earth belongs to the Lord, and the cattle on a thousand hills, and every beast of the field, then again we may ask why does God call upon us to give graciously and sacrificially? We know that He does so because passage after passage in the Word of God tells us that God wants us to have a gracious attitude in the realm of giving. We are not only to give to the local assembly, but we're to give to people in our lives that God brings in our paths, those who have legitimate needs and who need help, especially those who are doctrinal believers

Gal 6:10 *So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.* Like Enoch, we are the ones who get blessed by following God, and we are the ones who receive blessings for obedience to His word! This is why **2Co 9:6** says, *Now this I say, He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* That's what the Word of God says. That's New Testament - that's **2Co 9:6**. No one by being faithful to the written word will ever lose out. The Lord Jesus Christ said this, and you've heard this many times, but do you believe this verse, just as you believe the verses on salvation, rebound, and the eternal state?

Luk 6:38 *Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.* Now, the Lord who cannot lie said this! You won't have to go after blessings, they will pour into your lap. Why? Because the Lord says in this verse, *For by your standard of measure, the way you give [or the way you hold on to what you have], it will be measured to you in return.* If you give, it is given to you by the standard of measure by which you give. So, we see that the way in which we give is the way in which we receive.

Again, no one by being faithful to the written word will ever lose out. Do you believe the Word of God when it says in **Pro 11:24**, *There is one who scatters [gives generously], and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet [but] it results only in want?* There is one who gives generously, where he gives and yet he becomes more prosperous. Think of that - that is not what the cosmic system tells you.

You give generously, and you become more prosperous. The Bible then says that there's one who holds back what is justly due, and he becomes impoverished. **Pro 11:25** says that, *the generous man will be prosperous and he who waters will himself be watered.*

We are rewarded for our faithfulness to God's Word; this principle is found throughout the Word of God. Again, if the cattle on a thousand hills and all the gold and all the silver belongs to God, and if God has all things and God is in heaven, and God doesn't have any needs, why does He command us to give, not only graciously, but to give sacrificially? Because, giving graciously and giving sacrificially produces an attitude in the individual, which allows God to pour more and more blessing to the one who gives. On the other hand, when we don't give graciously and sacrificially, an attitude is in us that stops the blessing of God from coming into our lives.

Biblically speaking, the Bible teaches that most of God's people are under a financial curse because they will not obey and honor the Word of God. Many people have their finances cursed because they are not following the Word of God in such a serious realm as their finances. Giving graciously and sacrificially is for your own benefit. That's why the

Lord said in **Act 20:35** *In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Do you believe this or do you think that this is a nice Christian saying that the pastor should bring up when it's time for the offering? The **Lord** said it's better to give than to receive. Giving graciously and sacrificially produces an attitude in the individual, which allows God to pour out more blessing to the one who gives.

Now, the whole point of the matter is that in every realm we are the ones who benefit when we follow God. Paul said in **Phi 4:17** concerning the Philippians and their large financial gift to him as their pastor-teacher, "[I'm saying all this,] *not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.*" Notice that there's a profit for those who give, which increases to their account.

Phi 4:18 *But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.*

Phi 4:19 *And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

We are the ones who benefit when we fulfill the principles of the word of God. No one by being faithful to the written word will ever lose out. There is blessing related to the faithful intake of doctrine.

1Co 2:9 *but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."*

Eph 3:20 *Now to Him who is able to do far more [exceeding] abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,*

Psa 31:19 *How great is Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men!*

While there is blessing related to the faithful intake of doctrine, there is also pressure and testing. There is blessing and pressure because of Bible doctrine. You can run off to a service organization and witness to your 20 people a day and get involved with some church program and you can get involved with all of the works programs, and have no problems. However, at the moment you decide that you're going to take in Bible doctrine everyday, all hell breaks lose!

We are warned about this in such passages as **2Ti 2:1**, which says, *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

2Ti 2:2 *The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

2Ti 2:3 *Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

Notice that you are said to be a soldier because you are enlisted in the army of God. In **verse 4, 2Ti 2:4** *No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.* Notice that the spiritual soldier is not to be entangled with the details of life. **2Ti 2:5** *Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.*

Realizing that you are a soldier in the army of God, the following scriptures should be noted.

Phi 1:29 *For to you [Church-age believer] it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.* Note that it is for "His" sake and for "His" glorification that we are to go through certain types

of suffering. And if we do not suffer or if we are not willing to do so, there is absolutely no way that we will ever be able to rule and reign with Him.

Rom 8:17b *if indeed we suffer with Him so [in order] that we may also be glorified with Him.* This glorification has to do with escrow blessings in the future, such as the uniform of glory worn over the resurrection body.

In **1Th 3:4**, Paul said to the Thessalonians, *for indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.* Any doctrinal ministry or assembly will warn its congregation of the coming of persecution so that when it does come, they will realize what it really is. **1Pe 2:19** *For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.* Note that we are to *bear up* when going through undeserved suffering.

1Pe 2:21 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,*

Suffering unjustly is a requirement for following in the steps of our Lord. This is why our Lord said in **Mat 5:11** *Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.* And then in **Joh 15:20**, He tells, *Remember the word that I said to you, 'a slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.*

Note that if you're following God's instructions and living the Christian way of life according to God's will, there must be a measure of persecution that you will endure. The interesting question is, where did all of our Lord's persecution come from? It came from those involved with religion, legalism, emotionalism and self-righteousness. In **Mat 5:12** *Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* Pressures and distractions do come from positive volition toward doctrine. Why?...because you've made the right decisions.

Maybe you don't know it, but his majesty the devil knows it and he intensifies the pressure from his cosmic system to stop your forward momentum. If there's one thing that the devil cannot stand, just one thing - it's one person faithful to the word of God. And there are two things he cannot stand more than one and that's two who are faithful to the word of God. And there are three things he cannot stand more than two and that's three. There are four things he cannot stand more than three and that's four. Get the point?

So a whole church-load of doctrinal believers will bring on a flood of demonic attacks. Why? Because only doctrinal believers can please God,

Heb 11:6 *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him,*

There are two pertinent scriptures that would do us all well to have written on the walls of any church. One is **Isa 54:17** *"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.* The other is **2Co 13:8** *For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth.*

Your life can be very simple but once you really get into doctrine, life can get very complex. Ironically, your life becomes more complex as you discover the simplicity of life, which is constant positive volition toward Bible doctrine. And as you develop constant positive volition toward doctrine there will be a proportionate amount of pressure applied to your life.

Chapter 8 – From Super-Grace to Surpassing Grace

Enoch endured pressure. Elijah and Enoch advanced so far and fast into super-grace that transfer apart from death was warranted. They concentrated so hard on doctrine and did so so quickly that they went from time to eternity, or from super-grace to surpassing grace. And surpassing grace is said to be for the ages to come in **Eph 2:7** *so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Believe it or not, these two individuals experienced surpassing grace and took their body into eternity. Because they couldn't die, they couldn't leave their bodies behind, and they couldn't suffer physical death because they were in surpassing grace, the stage or phase of grace in the eternal state.

So, when the question arises, why didn't Enoch transfer from super-grace to surpassing grace in the usual way?...the answer is that dying grace is related to super-grace and both Enoch and Elijah bypassed super-grace in time and entered into surpassing grace. Therefore Enoch couldn't die! Anyone in super-grace at the time of the Rapture will be in this same category.

The question also arises, what kind of body does Enoch have in heaven? He has the same type of body as all the Old Testament saints, an interim body waiting for the resurrection body. Therefore his body is either buried in heaven or in some urn on a heavenly mantle.

Elijah, on the other hand, will come back in his earthly body; he will die physically and then be resuscitated; however Enoch is not coming back!

Rev 11:3-13 *And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. And if anyone desires to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

Elijah will need his physical body again, but Enoch will not. Wherever it is now, Enoch had to take his body with him to the eternal state. How was all this accomplished? **Heb 11:5** *By faith [means of doctrine resident in the soul] Enoch was taken up [transferred] so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took [had transferred] him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

And, while we can't help but be impressed by what Enoch attained through doctrine always remember this; God was glorified. We keep thinking about the wonderful blessings that Enoch had in time, and the wonderful blessings he had in eternity, and the wonderful way in which the golden drawbridge of death went down. He went from time to eternity without dying, but we must not forget the most important issue - God was glorified throughout. God was glorified when He poured out super-grace blessings upon Enoch. God was glorified when Enoch held his ground! God was glorified when He could lower the drawbridge from eternity's side. God was glorified when He could treat Enoch in

super-grace and surpassing grace. God was glorified when He could express His sense of humor by taking a man from time to eternity apart from physical death. God was glorified throughout! God was pleased, and He is glorified when He can give super-grace blessings, dying grace, and surpassing grace.

In other words, in giving, it is God who gets the glory! In receiving we merely get the effect, the benefits of grace, but God gets the glory. That's why it's the glory road. Who do you think is glorified by the fact that you're alive? God is glorified by your living! And He is glorified when He can give you your health, when He can give you your right woman or right man, when He can give you success, and when He can give you promotion.

Whenever God can give you something, He is glorified because the devil has broadcast the lie that God **cannot** do anything for anyone in time!

Let's take a look at something special that God gives us. Let's observe the subject of right man, right woman. Do you believe in such things as right man and right woman? **Pro 18:22** says, *He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor [grace] from the Lord.* Now, this does not mean that anyone who finds a wife has found a good thing. Experience and testimonies would tell us that this is certainly not the case. This means that there is a certain woman for a man who is **from the Lord** and that's why it says, *he has obtained grace from the Lord.* The right woman is a gracious **gift** from the Lord. The right woman is the oldest and one of many grace gifts God has given to man.

There are three prominent grace gifts from Christ to man delineated in Scripture. These are in the order in which they occur in the human race:

1. Right woman, He built her, **Pro 18:22, 19:13-14.**
2. Salvation, He did it.
3. Doctrine, He thought it, **1Co 2:16.**

In view of human history, the right woman is the oldest human gift, for Christ brought the woman to the man, **Gen 2:18. Gen 2:22** *And the Lord God fashioned [BUILT] into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.* **Pro 19:14** says, *House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord.* There is a wife, a prudent wise one who is said to be from the Lord.

Ecc 9:9 *Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.* The verb *has given* is the qal perfect preterit of *nathan* which speaks of a past completed action. He gave a woman to man in eternity past. There is another supporting translation, **Ecc 9:9** *Live happily with the woman you love through the fleeting days of life, for the wife God gives you is your best reward down here for all your earthly toil.* (TLB)

In **1Co 7:17**, we are told that the Lord assigns some couples to each other; *only, as the Lord **has assigned** [a man and a woman] to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.*

Remember, God is glorified by blessing you!

One day Peter went up to the Lord and said, **Mar 10:28** *Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."*

Mar 10:29 *Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,"*

Mar 10:30 *but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.*

In **2Sa 12**, we see that God gave everything to David and promoted him far beyond anyone that up until that time had ever lived. The final phrase in **2Sa 12:8**, *and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!* *Have added* is the hiphil imperfect from the verb *jasaph* where we get the word Joseph. It's the verb that means to add, to increase, or to do more. And in the hiphil it means to be caused or motivated to do more.

You are the one who is blessed, but God is the one who is glorified. We've now seen that this happened to Enoch, because he pleased God.

So the question "how can we please God?" has been answered in **Heb 11:5-6**, with Enoch as our illustration.

Here are our corrected translations:

Heb 11:5 *By means of doctrine resident in the soul Enoch was transferred so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God had transferred him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

Heb 11:6 *And without doctrine resident in the soul it is impossible to please Him, for he who is occupied with the God must be convinced by resident doctrine that He is, and that He becomes a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

Chapter 9 – Enoch’s Monument

Enoch, one of only two believers of the Old Testament to be transferred from earth to heaven without having died physically, is a wonderful example to each of us of all that is available to us, as we walk in God’s Word and Will. Enoch “walked” directly into the Presence of God, because of his positive volition toward Doctrine and because of his reaching ultra super-grace.

We have, as New Testament believers, the opportunity to receive God’s highest and best, as we walk in our own Predesigned Plan of God. While we may not walk directly into heaven, we can live our lives in fellowship with the indwelling Trinity, walking in these physical bodies in His Presence daily.