

Enoch's Faith

Hebrews 11:5 - 6 *“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. (6) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

It is my belief that verses 5 and 6 go together, verse 5 tells us about Enoch's personal faith and verse 6 tells us why Enoch had that strong faith. All the people in Chapter 11 had wonderful and strong faith. When I saw Enoch, God impressed my heart to go with him, therefore I chose him. There is a lot about Enoch (as there is on just about any bible character) but Enoch is interesting because he was Translated. This means that his blessing was to not see death, but he was taken by the Lord, to heaven. What a blessing! But what was most wonderful about Enoch was God said, *“that he pleased God.”* While most true Christians want to please God, God said that Enoch did please God. I could not be blessed more, than for my Heavenly Father to tell me **that I have pleased Him**, but to have this inserted it into His word for us to read and study, **what a blessing to Enoch**. Enoch was not a super believer, his faith was not a credit to him, all believers are what they are by God's grace as Paul said, **but Enoch was dearly blessed by God**.

There are many things to talk about when it comes to faith, and when we talk about Enoch's faith, so today I will talk about Enoch's faith.

Let us read **Genesis 5:21 - 24** *“And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: (22) And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: (23) And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: (24) And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”*

A. Enoch was *“translated”*. This word is defined in several different ways in the Greek.

1. Here it means, - to transfer, that is, (literally) transport – Vines defines it to mean - "to transfer to another place" God said, *“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death...”* Therefore, we must conclude, here it means that Enoch was taken to heaven without death. What a blessing.
2. Enoch had experienced a mighty change by the power and grace of God. Many times, in Enoch's life He experienced the grace of God in his life.

3. This born sinner had been given life and faith by God and God used that life and faith to cause Enoch to please God.
 - a. No person is born to please God, all people (including Enoch) we're born Totally Depraved. As was Moses, Abraham, Jacob, David, Paul, John, etc.
 - b. Enoch was elected of God to please Him, and he did by God's grace and power.
 - c. God said in **Ephesians 2:10** "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*" – Therefore, never given people too much credit for their walk of faith. Paul was correct when he said, "*But by the grace of God I am what I am...*" **1 Cor. 15:10**
 - d. This reminds us of the Prophet Jeremiah, in Jeremiah **1:4 - 5** we read these words. "*Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (5) Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*"
 4. So, while Enoch had great faith, so much so that God mentioned it in His word, while it was by Grace it was still His blessing.
 5. One writer said, "*Long before Enoch was translated into glory, he had been translated in his heart and soul. He was delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. That which the Holy Spirit commends to us is not Enoch's character and conduct, but Enoch's faith in Christ, the grace of God upon him.*"
 6. Did you know all believers are already "translated" **Colossians 1:12 - 14** "*Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"*
 7. See, the only way to please God is through faith, "*But without faith it is impossible to please him:*" V.6
- B. It was by faith that Enoch pleased God.

1. Enoch pleased God because **he believed God**. And because he believed God walked with God by faith. All due to God's work of grace in him, Enoch did nothing on his own, we all walk by grace.
 2. You cannot please God if you do not have and walk by faith, believing and trusting God. Remember God said, "...*without faith it is impossible to please him...*"
 3. Sometimes, some Christians can imagine that by looking to their feelings, or their own works we can please God, but we cannot, only by faith is walking in life trusting God and His word.
 4. To walk with God is to live and walk in the awareness of his presence. **Philippians 4:4 - 5** "*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. (5) Let your moderation be known unto all men. **The Lord is at hand.***" Always walking with remembrance that God is omnipresent.
 5. God reminds us in **Proverbs 3:5 - 6** "*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*" – this can only be done through faith in God, Verse 4 says, "*So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.*" Because of your faith in God.
- C. Christ will one day "translate" all believers from this earth.
1. The taking of Enoch reminds us of the rapture. This taking will happen when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. **1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18** "*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words."* The word's Caught up means - to seize or catch away or up, to pluck, pull, take by force.