

# The Surprising Supremacy of Faith



## Introduction

- Faith is surprisingly central and primary to the Christian life
- Martin Luther: "Whoever has faith will have everything, whoever does not will have nothing"
- Faith illustrated: Like a TV aerial connecting us to the invisible spiritual realm

## Point 1: Faith is the Key to Salvation

- Ephesians 2:8-9: - Salvation is accessed through faith, not earned through works
- Romans 1:16-17: Righteousness from God is "by faith from first to last"

## Point 2: Faith is the Requirement for Pleasing God

- Hebrews 11:6: "Without faith it is impossible to please God"
- Romans 14:23: "Whatever is not from faith is sin"

## Point 3: Faith is Our Means of Victory and Growth

- 1 John 5:4: "This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith"
- Ephesians 6: The shield of faith extinguishes enemy's fiery darts
- Galatians 5:4,6: "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love"
- Colossians 2:6-7: "Just as you received Christ... continue to live in Him"

## Conclusion and Practical Applications

- When we lose our connection with God, we must return to faith
- Faith means trusting God's word over feelings, senses, or self-effort

## Simple Questions

1. If faith is like a TV aerial that helps us connect with God, what do you think can sometimes block our "signal"?
2. The sermon says "without faith it is impossible to please God." What's one small way you tried to trust God this week?
3. If you could explain faith to a child using your own simple picture or example (not the TV aerial), what would you say?

## Deeper Questions

1. The message emphasizes that salvation is through faith, not works. How might someone struggle with this concept, and what are the implications for how we live our lives?
2. The sermon states, "Whatever is not from faith is sin." How can we apply this challenging statement to our daily decisions and actions?