

Hebrews: The Complete Work of Christ
A Purposeful and Overcoming Faith
Hebrews 11:23-40

The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people throughout the entire existence of humanity. The reason the answer seems so elusive is because we typically begin at the wrong starting point—ourselves. We ask questions that are self-centered. This self-centeredness is the root of the philosophical dilemma in trying to understand the meaning of life. We ask questions such as: What do I want to be? What should I do with my life? What are my goals, my ambitions, my dreams for my future?

1. Faith in Jesus identifies us with God's people.
2. Faith in Jesus keeps us moving forward.
3. Faith in Jesus is a conquering and persevering faith.

A genuine faith in God lives before God. We must live in a way that recognizes God with us. Faith is trusting God, depending upon God, believing God, seeking God, conversing with God, sharing with God, and enjoying fellowship with God. It seeks His approval in all matters. It responds to His chastening. It allows us the chance to live in prayer and devotion before God so that we might receive what we hope for—what we desire most—life forever with Him.

For further consideration:

Do you actively remind yourself of the promises God has made to you and a member of His family and as a participant in the new covenant? How does remembering the promises of God affect the way you live your life? Are you feeling at home in this world, or do you desire the kingdom of Christ more than anything else? What things did Moses do that demonstrated faith? How did his actions reveal the worth of God? In what way can you actively demonstrate the worth of God in your life? Does Rahab's inclusion in this list surprise you? What does this tell us about God's character towards sinners who put their trust in Him? What does it mean to have a future-looking faith? How do those who suffered for their faith encourage you to endure in yours?