

Declaration of Dependence

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the world were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11:1-3

Our founding fathers walked in faith and utter dependence upon almighty God. Their legacy of faith dates back to the beginning of time and include:

Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Maleleel, Jared, Enoch, Mathusala, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Arphaxad, Cainan, Sala, Heber, Phalec, Ragau, Saruch, Nachor, Thara, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Levi, Kohath, Amram, Moses, Gershom, Shebuel, Judah & Tamar, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon & Rahab, Boaz & Ruth, Obed, Jesse, David & Bathsheba, Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijam, Asa, Jehosaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah, Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jeconiah, Coniah, Jehoiachin, Shealtiel, Pedaiah, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Zadok, Achim, Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, Joseph & Mary, JESUS, Andrew, Bartholomew, James the Elder, James the Younger, John, Jude, Matthew, Simon Peter, Philip, Simon the Zealot, Thomas, Paul, Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Athanasius, Constantine, Luther, Gutenberg, Wycliff, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, King James 1611, Spurgeon, Tozer.

In our present day, late Pastor Chuck Smith founder of the Calvary Chapel movement and last but not least, late Pastor Vince Bucelli founder of this church, Calvary Chapel La Costa Hills of which we are all partakers.

We are thankful to God for these genuine men of faith who gave their lives and paid the price to lay such a firm foundation in Christ for us to stand, just as they stood, in complete and utter dependence upon God.

While there are innumerable thousands upon thousands more saints who are unnamed in this short list, these former brothers and sisters in Christ lived well and died well.

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle and put whole armies to flight. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trials of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith were all equally prepared by our Heavenly Father, and empowered by His Holy Spirit with the goal and the ability to finish the race set before them.

Today, on Sunday, July 3, 2016... believing we have the Holy Bible, the very Word of God, the understanding of our Judeo-Christian heritage and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, we can be sure of where we are going and walk through this short life with boldness and confidence that we are standing on solid ground as we make this Declaration of Dependence upon and with our magnificent Lord of Lords, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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