



Object of Faith

Main idea Put your faith in Christ alone.

Warm-up If you are to compare yourself with something, what would it be and why?

introduction

Aware of it or not, our faith is resting on something. You are putting your hope/confidence in something or someone. Some people put their faith in their-- Education (as long as i have high grades/graduate from U.P. my future will be secured), Career (passing board exam/becoming a nurse is my only assurance of a bright future), Him/Her (Having you will make my life complete), Self (skill/ability/talent), Connections (People in the position: mayor, manager, boss), Money (Having millions in the bank)

[Sample Illustration for money]

German billionaire Adolf Merckle committed suicide by jumping in front of a train in southwestern Germany. Reason: current economic crisis. Merckle was a respected businessman, married and has four children. Ranked in 2008 as the world's 94th richest person and Germany's fifth wealthiest by Forbes magazine. Money is so uncertain.

We live in a world that is full of uncertainty. Is there anything or anyone that remains constant?

Message

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

Quote: "Change is the only thing constant in this world." (And di lang nagbabago sa mundong ito ay pagbabago). In a world full of uncertainty, the only way to live is to live by faith- not relying on our self, education, career, etc.- but in God alone who is unchanging. God alone has the power for both the present and the future.

Faith is not positive thinking (just be positive and you'll get what you want). Faith is not a power or a force we can tap into to force God to do something we want Him to do even if He is not willing. Faith is simply putting your confidence in God and His promises.

[Sample Illustration: Laminin]

We could have a better appreciation of that truth by looking deeper into the human body—at a little protein molecule called Laminin, which is a cell adhesion molecule. It was said that there are between 10 and 60 thousand proteins in a human body, and one of them is a cell adhesion molecule called Laminin. Laminin is vital to ensure overall body structures hold together. Laminin is the glue of the human body. Without it, you would literally fall apart.

- The stuff that holds our body together, that is holding the lines of our organs together, holding our skin on, is in a perfect shape of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Note: Electron microscopic image of an actual Laminin protein molecule can be googled in case you want to show or print as a visual aid.

Colossians 1:16-17, "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

challenge/inspiration

Put your faith in Christ along who holds everything in this life and all of eternity.

Application Question

What have you learned and how will you apply it into your life?