

Chapter 34

God will never disappoint you

"The Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us by me, Silvanus and Timothy--was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" (2 Corinthians 1:19-22).

Saving faith is not something that comes from ourselves with which we believe on Him; but it is that something with which Christ believed,--the faith which He exercised, which He brings to us, and which becomes ours and works in us,--the gift of God.

That is what the word means, "here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." (Revelation 14:12) They keep the faith

of Jesus, because it is that defined faith which Jesus exercised Himself.

He brought to us that divine faith by which we can say with Him, "I will put my trust in Him." That trust today will never be disappointed any more than it was then. God responded then to His trust, and dwelt with Him. God will respond today to that trust in us, and will dwell with us.

Therefore His name is Immanuel, God with us -not God with Him; God was with Him before the world was. He could have remained there, and not come here at all, and still God would have remained with Him, and His name could have been God with Him. But what we needed was God with us. Oh, that is His name! Rejoice in that name forever more! [1]

"Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Note:

Jones, General Conference Bulletin, 1895, p.
270.