

# I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus!

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***“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”***

Have you ever witnessed or experienced the “*Faith*” Fall? You cross your arms and close your eyes and FALL backwards and let someone catch you. Or you can “fall” on to your bed.

What is Faith? = TRUST

In the text today, the writer states: **Vs. 1 - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**

Is there anything that you have done in your life that demonstrates, and shows to the world Your Faith in God Your Creator and Savior?

In 1833 Pastor Freidrich Schmid demonstrated his faith when He accepted the call from God through the believers in Ann Arbor, when he wrote: “*I accept with joy the call as it were from my Jesus Christ through His servants in America.*” Then on April 10, 1833 He departed from the Basel Mission Society in Germany to come to Ann Arbor, to preach the Word of God and from his Memoirs we know that it all involved hard work, just traveling from place to place, in addition to his continual study of the Word of God to prepare for Preaching Sermons and teaching Bible studies.

Hebrews chapter 11 gives examples of believers from the O.T. who demonstrated their Faith in God and Trusted God’s Promises by their ACTIONS. Let us look briefly at that list.

**By faith** Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. **By faith** he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And **by faith** he still speaks, even though he is dead.

**By faith** Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

**By faith** Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.

**By his faith** he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes **by faith**.

**By faith** Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

**By faith** he made his home in the Promised Land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**By faith** Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. ***They did not receive the things promised;*** they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ***Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.*** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”

Is there anything that you have done in your life that demonstrates, and shows to the world Your Faith in God Your Creator and Savior? I am not asking this question to give you an opportunity to boast in yourself, nor to beat yourself up if you feel that you have not, but I want you to examine your life and perhaps even go home today and write down some things that you have - Done in your life and - continue to do and - want to do as you demonstrate your TRUST in God Your Savior.

In the list of Hero’s of Faith, they are all in heaven. They held on to the Promise of God, to send a Savior.

The list of Hero's of the faith did not exist when God Created the Universe, but they believed God's Word as Creator. They also believed God's promise to send a Savior.

The list of Hero's of the faith did not see the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Cross, but they saw their Savior by Faith.

The list of Hero's of the faith did not see the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but they looked forward to Heaven as the Hebrew writer states: ***Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.***

The list of Hero's of the faith looked forward to the same Heaven that we are looking forward to. The place where there is no more sin, or death or pain or sorrow, and God graciously gives us our new Glorified Body.

The gift of Heaven is yours in the same way that it belongs to those Hero's of the faith who are listed in the book of Hebrews.

It is yours because of Jesus your risen Savior who is coming again to take you and I and all believers to our heavenly home.                    AMEN