



## OVERCOMING BY FAITH

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**GENESIS 5:22-24 NKJV** – (22) After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. (23) Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. (24) Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

The overall lesson of Enoch's life is that, as important as it is, justification is merely a beginning—it is another thing altogether to continue living by faith. The sanctification period and the costs of being a living sacrifice to God drive human nature to devise theological lies like the "Eternal Security" doctrine, also known as "once saved, always saved."

Enoch literally lived a life in which the central issue, its driving force, was his faith in God. Looking at this entirely spiritually, a truth that is important to humility emerges. Just as Enoch's physical translation from one geographical area to another was supernatural, so was his spiritual translation from a carnal, earthy, self-centered person to a God/Christ/Kingdom of God-centered person.

The Bible shows that the heart is the source of our motivations (**Matthew 15:17-20**). For our hearts to function by faith, we need what God makes possible *only* through His calling: Our hearts must change. The Bible refers to this as "circumcision made without hands." Living by faith is what pleases God. However, we can have that faith only when God supernaturally translates us into the beginning stages of His realm of living, called in the Bible "eternal life."

**SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 11:5**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Faith is not believing in my own unshakable belief.