

# Hebrews 11: A Postscript

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Hebrews 11 has often been called the roll call of faith—it details what a number of Old Testament characters accomplished by faith in God. Let's put a little postscript on the end of that chapter to include some New Testament characters.

By faith **Crispus** obeyed the gospel of Christ, despite the fact that it cost him his “job” (Acts 18:8).

By faith the **Ethiopian eunuch** insisted that he be baptized immediately (Acts 8:35-39).

By faith the **Christians in Ephesus** made a clean break from the past, when they burned the books they had used in their sinful practices, the value of which was 50,000 pieces of silver (Acts 19:18-20).

By faith **many of the Corinthians** also repented, when they turned to the Lord and stopped practicing such things as fornication, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, stealing, covetousness, drunkenness, reviling, and extortion (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

By faith, **Eunice**, without the help of a believing husband, raised her child in the training and admonition of the Lord (Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:14-15).

By faith, **Priscilla**, working side by side with her believing husband, did much to promote the kingdom of God (Acts 18:2-3, 18, 24-26; Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 16:19).

By faith **Peter and John** withstood threats against them and continued to boldly preach the gospel of Christ (Acts 4:13-22).

By faith, **Antipas**, a member of the church at Pergamos, gave his life for the Lord (Revelation 2:12-13).

By faith **Paul and Silas** prayed and sang hymns to God—in prison, with their feet in stocks, and still suffering from the beating they received earlier in the day (Acts 16:22-25).

By faith **Barnabas** sold his land, not to benefit himself, but to meet the urgent needs of others (Acts 4:32-37).

By faith **Dorcus** did many good works, especially for widows (Acts 9:36-39).

By faith **Gaius** showed hospitality to those who preached, and in so doing became a fellow-worker for the truth (3 John 1:5-8).

By faith the **church at Philippi** had fellowship with Paul in the gospel, by sending him support time and again (Philippians 1:3-5; 4:10, 14-18).

By faith **Paul** took advantage of the door for the gospel opened to him at Ephesus (1 Corinthians 16:5-9).

By faith, **Philemon**, a member of the church at Colosse, showed love for all the saints, and in so doing brought joy and consolation to the hearts of many (Philemon 1:4-7).

By faith **Epaphras** prayed fervently for all his brethren (Colossians 4:12-13).

By faith **Titus** rejoiced in the obedience of his fellow-Christians (2 Corinthians 7:13-15).

By faith a **few in the church at Sardis** continued to faithfully serve the Lord, even when most in the congregation did not (Revelation 3:1-6).

“And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of **Demetrius** (3 John 1:12) and **Stephanas** (1 Corinthians 16:15) and **Epaphroditus** (Philippians 2:25-30), also of **Onesiphorous** (2 Timothy 1:16-18) and **a host of other faithful Christians**: who through faith walked in the way of truth, withdrew from those who didn't, devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints, refreshed the hearts of their brethren, confronted and rebuked false teaching, and were beheaded for the gospel.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

“And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (1 John 5:4).