

Looking Forward

Hebrews 11:8-10

As we end 2017 and consider all that was done, it is also important for us to look forward to what God will do. While the foundation and power of our faith rests in the past event of Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection, faith is an ongoing trust in the past, present and future work of God. We live by faith in God's promises. These promises, like those given to Abraham, are part of God's initiating grace. Of Abraham's faith, Hebrews 11:10 says,

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

To The City

From sojourners in a foreign land (*Hebrews 11:8-9*)

New Jerusalem (*Revelation 21 – 22:5*)

Fulfillment of all God's promises

Dwelling with God

That Has Foundations

God's firm foundation stands (*2 Timothy 2:19-21*)

Jesus is the foundation (*1 Corinthians 3:11-14*)

Good works store up a future foundation (*1 Timothy 6:17-19*)

Whose Designer Is God

God laid the foundation in the beginning (*Hebrews 1:10-12*)

Christ's sacrifice was foreknown before creation (*1 Peter 1:20*)

God chose us in Christ before creation (*Ephesians 1:2-6*)

Whose Builder Is God

Jesus is the builder and is God (*Hebrews 3:3-4*)

Jesus has more glory than the prophets (*Hebrews 3:1-3*)

Christ is faithful over the house (city) as a son (*Hebrews 3:6*)

We are His house (living in the city) through faith (*Hebrews 3:6*)