

Context: Paul's visit

**Amen** (Heb. transliterated into Gk. & Eng.): surely, truly, so be it

Without faith, we cannot please God, we will receive nothing

**Hebrews 11:6, NLT:** And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

**MAIN IDEA: Trust God—say amen and mean it.** Why? Here are 3 reasons.

**1. First, Jesus means what He says (19a)**

A. runs contrary to our experiences

**Rev. 3:14, NLI:** "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation:

B. God keeps every promise He's made

1. in the Bible

**Ex:** Accepting *anyone*. Sending the Holy Spirit to each of us. Giving us joy. **ALL THROUGH JESUS**

2. not what we want or interpret

**Ex:** My whole family will be saved. He will heal me

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**III. Finally, through Jesus, our "amen" reaches God (20b)**

A. God hears us trusting Him & His word

B. God hears us praising Him...

C. God hears our crying out to Him in faith that it will be so

1. faith that He hears us

2. faith that His good will shall be accomplished

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**APPLICATION:** I *can* and need to believe what He says...

- I am God's child, amen      ● He has heard me, amen
- He has saved me, amen      ● He will never abandon me, amen
- I will be with Him forever, amen

**CONCLUSION:** We do not say amen to make it happen, or to convince ourselves or God, but in faith because we *know* Him and His promises *and* trust Him.

**ALTAR:** Are you struggling to trust God, to believe Him?

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