

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WALKING IN FAITH

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PART 2: THE THIRD MAN OF THE HUMAN RACE

As we continue our study in eleventh chapter of Hebrews, we find the apostle Paul looked at two men who lived before the flood, Abel and Enoch.

Setting the time of Adam's creation to year zero, we know that he died in year 930; the flood took place in 1676, 746 years after Adam died.

The Bible does not give us a birth year for Cain and Abel.

REFERENCES TO ABEL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The apostle Paul told us that Abel offered a sacrifice to God by faith and this made him righteous. **Hebrews 11:4**

Jesus stated that Abel was righteous. **Matthew 23:35**

The apostle John also stated that Abel was righteous. **1 John 3:12**

These are references to Abel in the New Testament, so let's turn to the Old Testament and find out what Abel did.

THE LIFE OF ABEL

Abel was the second son born to Adam and Eve. **Genesis 4:1-2**

The Bible does not tell us how old Adam was when Abel was born nor do we know how old Abel was when was killed. The Bible tells us that after the death of Abel, Seth was born when Adam was 130 years old. **Genesis 5:3**

Adam and Eve personally knew God and later told their children that God would send a redeemer to the earth and pay for the sins they had committed and the curse of sin that followed. **Genesis 3:15**

Cain and Abel were told that God killed some animals after their parents sinned and used the animal skin to clothe Adam and Eve. This was the first blood sacrifice. **verse 21**

The boys must have been told about the Garden of Eden and the thrill that Adam and Eve experienced when God came and walked with them. Abel in particular must have looked at the angels and the flaming sword that blocked the entrance into the Garden. **verses 22-24**

As the boys grew and became adults, they were responsible for maintaining their own relationship with God and knew that they had to regularly bring a sacrifice to the Lord. **Genesis 4:3**

Abel brought a blood sacrifice whereas Cain came with a fruit offering. **verse 4**



Abel lived a short time on the earth, he loved God and had faith that the Redeemer would come someday. He was obedient and gave God a blood sacrifice but it is noteworthy that he only had the opportunity to sacrifice once to God before he was murdered by his brother Cain. **verses 5-8**

Abel is the first recorded martyr, who was killed because he loved God and lived a holy life. Satan hates God's people and has used his people to keep on murdering until the present time. **Matthew 23:27-39**

In the future there will be more killings by the Devil and his followers. **Revelation 12:13-17; 14:9-13**

SUMMARY OF ABEL'S FAITH

Abel knew that his parents had sinned.

He knew how great life had been in the Garden of Eden.

He could see the Cherubims, the flaming sword and the beauty of the Garden behind it.

He knew that he could never enter the Garden.

He also knew in faith that there would be a new Garden in the future that he would be allowed into because he had repented of his sins and put his faith in the future Redeemer.

This was the faith of Abel and it was imputed unto him for righteousness.

Shouldn't your faith be greater than Abel's since you know the name of the Redeemer and have the testimony of what he has done and is currently doing? **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Faith does not look back of what has been; instead, faith looks forward to what is going to be! Hebrews 11:13-16

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?