

# Faith

**“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”**

**Hebrews 11:1**

Think of the key events in the life of Jesus. He was born, lived on this earth doing miracles and calling others to follow Him, and then ultimately dying on the cross. The Good News is that Jesus then rose from the dead to then give us eternal life.

Read ***Luke 24:1-6***

A.C. Green of the Phoenix Suns was challenged as a teenager if he knew if he would go to heaven or hell when he died. A.C. was a good kid, his high school basketball team had just won the state championship in Oregon, and he thought he had it made in life. However, that question bothered him. A.C. was your basic people pleaser in that whatever others wanted him to do, he did. As he was deciding whether to give his life to God, he wondered what other people would think of him. Would they laugh? Would they make fun of him? Would they call him stupid and stop talking to him? A.C. ignored all those thoughts and stepped forward to commit his life to Jesus Christ at the church service in which he was challenged. Interestingly, instead of people laughing at him, the whole church clapped and cheered.

The life of A.C. Green changed from the point he became a Christian. He continued to excel in basketball being the MVP of his college team at Oregon State University and three times selected as all-PAC 10 (the conference Oregon State is in like the Carolina is in the ACC). He then spent several seasons with the L.A. Lakers who won the NBA championship twice. But A.C. Green’s greatest contribution is off the basketball court. He developed a ministry called “A.C. Green’s Program for Youth” which encourages young people to stay in school, work hard, stay off drugs and learn about God.

While you may never be a famous professional player, God has a special plan for you. And the most important step is realizing Jesus loves you SO much, He gave His life for you. By committing your life to Him, through an act of your faith, you’ll be able to discover God’s plan and purpose for your life.

In ***Hebrews 11:1***, faith is described as being “the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” We can’t see God, but by faith we see evidence of His existence. By faith, we believe the words of the Bible as belonging to God. By faith, we believe whatever He says is true.