

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

- SO – What is Faith?
 - Hebrews says “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for & evidence of things unseen”
 - As an example, the author of Hebrews draws on the patriarchs of the OT
 - By Faith – Abraham obeyed and went out not knowing where he was to go
 - By Faith – He sojourned in the promised land, living in tents with Isaac, Jacob,
 - By Faith – when put to the test he offered up Isaac
 - By Faith – our spiritual ancestors lived lives looking toward
What was hoped for and things unseen
 - Yet this text from Hebrews also says
 - “These all died IN FAITH -
 - They did not receive what had been promised but saw it from afar”
 - Something more was needed than faith – faith of the Old Covenant
(All the patriarchs listed are from OT)
- Hebrews says “But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one”
 - They desire a New Covenant
 - They desire a Better Covenant
 - Better Promises
 - Better hope
 - In the Gospel Jesus brings that New Covenant – with New Promises – and a new Hope
 - Jesus says when the Master returns and find us ready and waiting
The Master will gird Himself
He will have them recline at table
And proceed to wait on them
 - *How different is this promise than that of the Old Covenant*
 - We live our lives in faith too – **BUT** in the New Covenant we are redeemed
 - In the New Covenant we will be with our Messiah eternally
 - In the New Covenant there will be a New Heaven and a New Earth
 - We will dwell in the New Jerusalem with the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
 - Hebrews says “But they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one”
 - We can say “We have a better homeland – a heavenly one”
 - We can say it – IN FAITH – the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things unseen