



**SERMON OUTLINE OCTOBER 2, 2016**

## Why Do We Say *'Amen'*?

Luke 17:1-10

**INTRODUCTION:** *A terrible misunderstanding about faith  
(a grandmother in Dayton, Ohio)*

### **I. FAITH: NOT “Look What I Can Do!” BUT “Look What GOD Can Do!”**

- A. Luke 17:5-6
- B. Matthew 17:20
- C. Faith is not our good deed,  
but is recognizing that God is at work & trusting Him
- D. John 9:30
- E. THE KEY is not the strength of our faith,  
but the **object of our faith** (Jesus)
- F. **Today consider:** every time we receive Holy Communion

### **II. FAITH IN OURSELVES LEADS US TO FAITHLESSNESS**

- A. We note Peter, “The Rock”
- B. Matthew 26:35
- C. Peter became “the dust” (Luke 2:34; 56)

### **III. THE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS TO INCREASE THEIR FAITH** (Luke 17:1-10) *(continued on next page)*

- A. Faith is always God’s gift (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:17)
- B. What a wonderful reminder is given to us in *Luther’s Explanation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles Creed*:  
**[I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified me and kept me in the true Faith . . . this is most certainly true.]**
- C. The word “Faith” has 3 common meanings:
  - 1. A person believes **something** (factual knowledge – James 2:19)
  - 2. A person believes **in** something  
*(I believe in Canada... in motherhood)*
  - 3. A person believes **on** something/someone (Acts 16:31)
- D. Let’s read together Hymn #575 (*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*):  
***“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood & righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand; all other ground is sinking sand”***

**CONCLUSION:** *The real meaning of the word “Amen!”*  
[standing on a rock]