



The Life of Faith

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Milestones in the life of Arthur W Pink

1886: Born in Nottingham, England.

1908: Converted.

1910: Pink crossed the Atlantic, intending to study for two years at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. However, after two months he decided to take a pastoral charge in Colorado. Further charges followed in California, Kentucky and South Carolina.

1916: Married Vera Russell.

1921: Pink decided to cease pastoral ministry and instead concentrate on writing and Bible conference work. In addition to several books, Pink commenced writing a monthly magazine in 1922 entitled *Studies in the Scriptures*, which he continued to edit and publish until his death. It is from this magazine that most of the material currently available in books today is taken.

1925: Moved to Australia where they remained until 1928. After a short stay in England they went back to the USA for several years before finally returning to Britain in 1934. Despite preaching for various denominations, Pink was not able to secure a permanent preaching position.

1936 to 1952: He concentrated on producing *Studies in the Scriptures*, first in Hove, England and then in Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland.

1952: Died in Stornoway, Scotland.





Introduction

The best of Arthur W Pink's writings are those in which he explains the practical aspects of the Christian life. He was aware that the interest of many professing Christians during the period in which he lived focused on doctrinal matters, in particular, unfulfilled prophecy. In addition, he regarded much of the practical teaching that was given as shallow and not coming up to scriptural demands. To combat this he emphasised the fact that believers are to live according to the Scriptures as well as believe the truth taught in them.

There are several books by Pink available today, of which perhaps his best known work is *The Sovereignty of God*. He wrote on a wide variety of topics including the attributes of God, the person and work of Christ, the Holy Spirit, communion with God, spiritual growth, and biblical characters. Some other articles from *Studies in the Scriptures* have never been reprinted.

This publication entitled *The Life of Faith* is a selection drawn from published books and magazine articles. The intention is to stress Pink's main emphases, beginning with what God has done for his people and then focusing on certain aspects of the Christian life.

Chapter 1 shows the design of God in purposing the death of Christ on behalf of his people. Chapter 2 unfolds the work of the Spirit in the Christian Dispensation, while chapter 3 clearly states the nature of Christian assurance.





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The remaining chapters concentrate on different aspects of the Christian life. Chapter 4 stresses the need for spiritual development, and Pink makes interesting observations on the meaning of progressive sanctification. In Chapter 5, Pink brings together two important individual spiritual disciplines: Bible reading and prayer. Chapter 6 outlines the believer's relationship to God's moral law, summarised in the Ten Commandments.

In Chapter 7 Pink examines a common feature of Christian experience – backsliding and restoration as seen in the life of David. Chapter 8 also looks at an individual, Elisha, to see the way believers and, in particular, ministers can be tested by God. Christian submission is the theme of chapter 9 – an attitude to be worked out in all relationships of life. The final selection, *Grace Preparing For Glory*, is an exhortation to live appropriately in the light of the Second Coming of Jesus.

The overall theme is one of providing a balanced approach to living in a Christian way.

A small amount of editing has been done, but each selection is essentially as Pink originally wrote it.

Original source of selected chapters:

Chapter I: The Satisfaction of Christ (1930-31)

Chapters 2,3: The Holy Spirit (1933-37)

Chapter 4: Spiritual Growth (1944-46)

Chapter 5: Profiting from the Word (1930-32)

Chapter 6: Gleanings in Exodus (1924-29)

Chapter 7: The Life of David (1932-39)

Chapter 8: The Life of Elisha (1943-45)

Chapter 9: Studies in the Scriptures (1946)

Chapter 10: Studies in the Scriptures (1936)