

## By Faith

Sermon 30 in the Hebrews Series

### Hebrews 11:1-3

#### I. Faith Itself v. 1

“Faith gives the things hoped for a real subsistence in the minds and souls of them that do believe. Faith mixes itself with the promises wherein the things hoped for are promised: faith gives unto the soul a taste of the goodness of the things promised... Abraham, by faith saw the day of Christ and rejoiced, and the saints in the Old Testament saw the King in His beauty.” John Owen

The Account in John 8:37-47

#### II. The Certainty of Faith v. 1

**ESV & NASB** – Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**NIV** – Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**Weymouth** (Paraphrase) – Now faith is a confident assurance of that for which we hope, a conviction of the reality of things we do not see.

We hope for Christ’s return – this is called “the blessed hope”.

**Titus 2:13** – **Looking for that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

We hope for the resurrection –

**1 Pet 1:3** – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

We hope for glorification –

**1 John 3:2-3** – Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **And every man that hath this hope in him** purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Every true Christian has faith – and true faith has an object – the Lord Jesus Christ.  
How important is faith? **11:6**

### **III. The Activity of Faith v.2**

The elders received a good report – a good testimony – a good commendation.

These faithful ones – all the Old Testament remnant of TRUE believers are in view and given as examples to us.

10:38 – the just shall live by faith.  
And chapter 11 is the illustration of 10:38.

v. 3 – by faith v.4, 5, 7, 11, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31

12:1 – concludes the application

### **IV. The Understanding that comes from Faith v. 3**

“Unbelief is a blind leap in the dark.” D. Scott Meadows

“By faith, we assent unto divine revelation” – in other words – to what God has said about creation. John Owen

The Bible never tries to prove the existence of God. **Gen. 1:1** simply says, “In the beginning, GOD created the heavens and the earth.”

**Isaiah 45:12** – “I have made the earth And created man on it. I – my hands – stretched out the heavens...”

**Jeremiah 10:11-12**

**Acts 17:22-32** – Paul on Mars Hill