

Faith...

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Hebrews 11:1-2

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better! He brought a better covenant!
- Under the New Covenant worship is by faith, not the senses
- We are reminded once again why Jesus is Better!
- Chp 10 pastor's confidence *we are of those who have faith*^{10:39}
- Chp 11 not a moralistic be like these guys but rather a see what their faith was in... the Gospel fulfilled - Jesus.

What is Faith? 1

- Perhaps this is more of a description than a definition...
- Challenging hearers to look to Jesus, not other things

What Faith is NOT:

- Not a catch-all feeling for religious people
 - Saying "I'm a person of faith" is meaningless
 - There is faith in Jesus Christ and faith in other things
 - Atheist has faith in things (material world)
- Faith is not a Feeling or Experience
 - Worship or camp was so moving – good experience
 - I could feel God... but feelings aren't good indicators
- Faith is not Church Membership
 - Being a member of earthly church isn't salvation
 - Salvation depends upon your resting in Christ's work
- Faith is not a Vending Machine
 - If you have faith then God will then...
 - Then God would cease to be God, you became god
- Faith is not Blind
 - Faith is not blindly following fables...
 - Biblical faith lies beyond our senses^{Eph2:8-9}
 - Faith: a gift which allows us to see the unseen God^{Ro1:19-20}
 - Believers can know the things of God^{1Cor2:14-16}

What Faith is:

- **Assurance**
 - faith is the title-deed of things hoped for
 - faith is resting in the truth God has promised us^{1Pet1:3-9}
- **Conviction**
 - power of faith is not dependent upon its strength
 - power of our faith is the object (Jesus & His work!)
 - Hall of Faith: scoundrels & slackers who trusted God
- Will God commend you^{3?} He will if you have faith in Jesus!

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