

Faith & Hope

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*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see.*

Hebrews 11:1

SECTION 1

What is Faith?

1. Faith is one of the few words that the Bible defines for us. What is faith?
Hebrews 11:1

2. What are some things you are certain of, but you do not see? (air, North Pole, God)

3. How does faith come to us? Romans 10:17

4. How does faith express itself? Galatians 5:6

5. What do the following verses teach about faith?

Galatians 2:16 _____

Galatians 3:11 _____

Galatians 3:26 _____

Romans 14:23 _____

6. What is the foundation that must be laid in the life of every believer who wants to go on to maturity? Hebrews 6:1-2

7. Who are we to put our faith in? Hebrews 6:1

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply it to your life?

SECTION 2

False Faith vs. Real Faith

There are at least four types of “faith” that are really not faith at all: head faith, feeling faith, dead faith and crisis faith.

1. “Head faith” is merely agreeing to a set of religious creeds and historical facts about Jesus. What did James say about “head faith”? James 2:19

2. The demons “believe” in God, but are they saved?

3. Thomas is famous for having “feeling faith.” His faith was based on his five physical senses. If his physical senses were convinced, then he would believe. What did Thomas say had to happen before he would believe? John 20:25

4. Who did Jesus say would be blessed? John 20:29

5. What should we do when our senses contradict our faith? 2 Corinthians 5:7

6. What does James say about faith that is not accompanied by action? James 2:17

7. “Dead faith” is a faith that does not translate into action. Can “dead faith” with no deeds save a person? James 2:14

8. How should a true believer show his faith? James 2:18

9. According to James, the body without the spirit is _____ and faith without works is _____. James 2:26

10. “Crisis faith” is also known as temporal faith. It is awakened by adverse circumstances. As soon as the bad circumstances change, crisis faith disappears without a trace. Why did the seed sown on rocky soil last only a short time? Matthew 13:20,21

11. The seeds that fell among the thorns were temporary. What were the “thorns” that choked the word? Matthew 13:22

12. We have examined what the Bible says about four types of false faith. Real faith is not just in the head. It is not always confirmed by feelings. It must produce action and it must last a lifetime. For faith to be real, where must it come from? Romans 10:10

13. What does real faith believe? Romans 10:10

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SECTION 3

Saving Faith

1. What must we do to be saved? Romans 10:9,10

2. How are we justified? Romans 5:1

3. What results from our justification? Romans 5:1

4. How can we have access to God's grace? Romans 5:2

5. Is man justified before God by obeying the law or by believing? Romans 3:28

6. Who does God justify? Romans 3:26

7. How does righteousness come? Romans 3:22

8. How do the righteous live? Romans 1:17

9. Paul spoke of a righteousness that did not come from the law. Where did it come from? Philippians 3:9

10. How are we saved? Ephesians 2:8

11. Who has the right to become a child of God? John 1:12

12. Who will not perish but will have eternal life? John 3:16

Personal Application

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SECTION 4

Faith and Obedience

1. God called Abraham to a place he had never seen. What did he do by faith?
Hebrews 11:8

2. What did Abel do by faith? Hebrews 11:4

3. When God tested Abraham, what did he do by faith? Hebrews 11:17

4. After he had grown up in the lap of luxury as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, what did Moses do by faith? Hebrews 11:24

5. What did Moses choose by faith? Hebrews 11:25

6. What else did Moses do by faith? Hebrews 11:27,28

7. What did all the Israelites do by faith? Hebrews 11:29

8. What happened in Jericho after Joshua obeyed God's instructions? Hebrews 11:30

9. Is it possible to be a man or woman of great faith and die without receiving the promise? Hebrews 11:37-39

10. What does it mean to love God? 1 John 5:3

11. Are God's commands a burden? 1 John 5:3

12. How does John describe faith? 1 John 5:4

13. Who overcomes the world? 1 John 5:5

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SECTION 5

Mountain Moving Faith

1. The disciples failed to cast out a devil and asked Jesus, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” What was the reason they couldn’t drive it out? Matthew 17:20

2. Even if we have small faith in a big God, what can we do? Matthew 17:20

There are two facts about God that serve as foundations for our faith. Abraham, the “father of our faith” understood these faith foundations. To be men and women of faith we must have unswerving faith in these two facts about God:

1. God is powerful = God is able (Romans 4:21)
2. God is faithful = God is willing (Hebrews 11:11)

3. What was Abraham fully persuaded of? Romans 4:21

4. Some people ignore or deny the facts in a vain attempt to move in faith. What did Abraham do in regard to the physical facts? Romans 4:19

5. What were the facts? Romans 4:19

6. What did Abraham not do as he faced the facts? Romans 4:20

7. Why was Abraham able to become a father? Hebrews 11:11

8. What promise did God make to Abraham? Genesis 15:4-6

9. What can the shield of faith do? Ephesians 6:16

10. Who should we have faith in? Mark 11:22

11. What must we do if we want our “mountain” to be “thrown into the sea” ?
Mark 11:23

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SECTION 6

Faith and Hope

1. What must we believe about God in order to come to him? Hebrews 11:6

2. What is impossible without faith? Hebrews 11:6

3. What is the connection between faith and hope? Hebrews 11:1

4. What did the writer of Hebrews call hope? Hebrews 6:19

5. What is the promise of an anchor in a boat?
