

Hebrews Book Study
Lesson 38
Hebrews 11:1-3

What Faith Is Not

Faith is Not: Yours; it is a gift of God (Eph. 2:8)

A Cooperative Effort

- “There is no one righteous, not even one” (Rom. 3:10)
- “there is no one who seeks God” (Rom 3:11)
- “our righteous acts are like filthy rags” (Is. 64:6)
- “He has put His seal on us and has given us His Spirit” (2 Cor. 1:22)

Accepting Jesus (“Whoever serves Christ is **acceptable** to God” – Rom. 14:18)

Self Esteem, Believing In Yourself (“Believe in the Lord Jesus... - Acts 16:31)

Blind (Heb. 11:1)

What Faith Is

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for

- “We have obtained access **by faith**, and we rejoice **in hope** (Rom. 5:2)
- “Who hopes for what he sees?” (Rom. 8:24)

Faith Is: Well Placed Confidence in Christ, through Whom all things emanate

“[May they] reach all the riches of full **assurance** of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ” – Col. 2:2

the conviction of things not seen

- “[I will] open the eyes that are blind” (Is. 42:7)
- “I am sending you to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness (Acts 26:18)
- Believing Is Seeing

For by it the people of old received their commendation

- All saints, whether OT or NT, are saved **by faith**
- “These [OT saints] all died in faith” (Heb. 11:13)
- “He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Gen. 3:15)

What is seen was not made out of things that are visible

- Even what is **seen** was once **unseen**, so that faith is required in *all* things
- “men...suppress the truth” (Rom. 1:18-23)