

WHAT IS FAITH?

Hebrews 11:1-7 Jeff Schreve

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

What does God want us to know about faith?

1. Faith is the right response to divine revelation.

A. Faith is rooted in the Word of God.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 NKJV

B. Faith is not rooted in the desires and plans of man.

C. Faith is believing God's Word and acting upon it.

Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].

Hebrews 11:1 AMP

1. His Word is sure, even though we don't understand it.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9

2. His Word is sure, even though we can't see it.

2. Faith is the right response to God Himself.

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

A. He is the sovereign God.

1. He is creator.

2. He is sustainer.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15

3. He is eternal.

Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Psalm 90:2

B. He is the good and gracious God.

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grand-children to the third and fourth generations." Exodus 34:6-7

If you want to please God, then start taking steps of faith.