

SERMON SHEET

10/20/24

Study of Hebrews #45 "Biblical Faith"

Text: Hebrews 11:1-3

I. Introduction & review

II. Biblical faith's basic attribute (v. 1)

1. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.
2. Faith is the conviction of things not seen.
3. Therefore, true faith results in confidence.

III. Biblical faith's ultimate reward (v. 2)

IV. Biblical faith's primary understanding (v. 3)

V. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. ESV Study Bible:

By defining faith (Gk. pistis) as “assurance” and “conviction,” the author indicates that biblical faith is not a vague hope grounded in imaginary, wishful thinking. Instead, faith is a settled confidence that something in the future—something that is not yet seen but has been promised by God—will actually come to pass because God will bring it about.

2. Kent Hughes:

True faith is neither brainless nor a sentimental feeling. It is a solid conviction resting on God's words that makes the future present and the invisible seen. Faith has at its core a massive sense of certainty.

3. Simon Kistemaker:

- *However, [the writer's] use of the concept faith must be understood primarily in the context of the eleventh chapter of his epistle. The heroes of faith have one thing in common: they put their undivided confidence in God. In spite of all their trials and difficult circumstances, they triumphed because of their trust in God. For the author, faith is adhering to the promises of God, depending on the Word of God, and remaining faithful to the Son of God.*
- *Faith demonstrates itself in confident assurance and convincing certainty.*
- *Faith, then, is the confidence the believer expresses when he faces blatant unbelief.*

4. Al Mohler:

“Approval” does not just refer to temporary material blessings. Rather, this is the final eschatological approval—an eternal commendation instead of an eternal condemnation.

5. Zacharias Ursinus:

True faith—created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel—is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything that God reveals in his Word is true, but also a deep-rooted assurance that not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace earned for us by Christ.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- **Hab. 2:4**
- **Titus 2:11-13; John 6:39-40; Rom. 8:29-30; 2 Pet. 3:13**
- **Eph. 3:7-12; Heb. 13:5-6**
- **2 Tim. 4:6-8**
- **1 Peter 1:3-8**