



# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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# “WHAT IS FAITH?”

## PART II

Hebrews 11:1

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## **Heb 11:1**

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

## **Heb 10:34,38,39**

34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

# **Faith must be exercised to leave the old covenant and move to the new covenant which is Christ –**

*3 things a Jew must understand:*

1. Christ is better than angels, prophets, Moses, Aaron, Joshua. He's better than everything and anything connected to the old covenant.
2. There are no longer any sacrifices to make, there aren't any feasts to observe, there aren't any ritual washings to go through, there aren't any ceremonies, there is no circumcision, there isn't any memorization of the law. There is only Christ and Him alone. He is who you put your faith in.
3. If salvation is by faith, then it is important to understand what faith is.

# Heb 11:1

1 Now **faith** is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen.

“faith” - pistis - faith, belief, believe

“assurance” - upostasis - substance,  
foundation, confidence, assurance

“conviction” - elegxos - conviction,  
evidence, proof

## **FAITH IS:**

Faith is confidence in God's Word and the expectation that God will perform all that He has promised to us.

### **Rom 10:17**

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

## **FAITH IS NOT:**

1. A blind leap.
2. A blank check.
3. Positive thinking.
4. A hunch.
5. Hoping for the best.
6. A feeling of optimism.
7. Faith in faith.
8. Foolishness.

# Promises in God's Word

## ***1. Some promises are limited to a specific situation.***

### **Matt 18:20**

20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

## ***2. Some promises are for certain people.***

### **Gen 12:2-3**

2 And I will make you a great nation,

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so you shall be a blessing;

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

## ***3. Some promises are conditional.***

### **Ps 37:4**

4 Delight yourself in the Lord;

And He will give you the desires of your heart.



# **Heb 11:1**

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

Science cannot tell me how something came into being from nothing, but by faith I know.

Science cannot tell me what is wrong with human life, what is the reason why you & I sin & act the way we do, but by faith I know.

Science cannot tell me why things hold together, but by faith I know.

Science cannot tell me how human history is going to end, but by faith I know.

Science cannot tell me what lies beyond the door of death but by faith I know.

# **Where does faith come from?**

*1. You are born at physical birth with natural faith.*

- What you eat and drink.
- When you drive a car.
- When you put your money in the bank.
- When you sit in a chair.
- When you cross a bridge.

*2. You are born at spiritual birth with spiritual faith.*

## **Eph 2:8-10**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

***Assurance***

***Conviction***

Health/Sickness/Healing

**James 5:14-16**

**2 Cor. 12:7-10**

## **Health/Sickness/Healing**

### **James 5:14-16**

14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

### **2 Cor 12:7-10**

7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me — to keep me from exalting myself!

8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

***Assurance***

***Conviction***

Health/Sickness/Healing

**James 5:14-16  
2 Cor. 12:7-10**

**Sovereignty  
Providence**

*Assurance*

*Conviction*

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**Sovereignty**  
**Providence**

Money/Job/Material Resources

**Matt. 6:33**  
**Phil. 4:19**

# **Money/Job/Material Resources**

## **Matt 6:31-33**

31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'

32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

## **Phil 4:19**

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



## **Luke 16:11**

11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"

*Assurance*

*Conviction*

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Safety

**Ps. 23:4**  
**Heb. 13:5**

# Safety

## **Ps 23:4**

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

## **Heb 13:5**

for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU,  
NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

	<i>Assurance</i>	<i>Conviction</i>
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Salvation of Family/Friends/or ??	<b>Eph. 1:3</b> <b>Rom. 8:29,30</b>	

# Salvation

## **Eph 1:4**

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.

## **Rom 8:29-30**

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.