

SERIES: A REFRESHER COURSE IN FAITH

Lesson 3: What is Faith? (part 2)

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➤ **Foundation Scriptures:**

- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Mark 11:22-23

I. God's Definition of Faith

- a. Hebrews 11:1
 - i. Faith is Now
 - ii. Faith is Substance
 - iii. Faith is Evidence

II. Faith is NOW

- a. Paul is saying: "Now let me tell you what faith is"
- b. Another Layer: Faith is always NOW – present tense
 - i. Hope is an expectation of a future event
- c. Faith brings that expectation into the NOW (current)
- d. Mark 11:24 — "believe you receive when you pray" = NOW

III. Faith is Substance

- a. Heb 11:1 [*Amplified Classic Version*] NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [*faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses*].
- b. Hebrews 11:1 [*James Moffatt Translation*] "Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see"
- c. Hebrews 11:1 [*The Passion Translation*] "Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for."
- d. If faith is not NOW, then there is no way to bring substance to the things hoped for (expected)
- e. Hebrews 11:6 — "... God is a Rewarder to those who diligently seek God (Example: Seek Him as healer and the reward is healing)

- f. The “SUBSTANCE” of things hoped for (expected)
 - i. Luke 8:11 — “the Word is SEED”
 - ii. Mark 4:30-32 — Growth is progressive
 - 1. This is the operation of God’s Word as a Seed
 - 2. Genesis 8:22 — Seed, time and (then) harvest
 - iii. The Seed determines what will be produced
 - 1. Law of Genesis: **Every** Seed produces after its own kind
 - 2. The Word of God Must be planted: by hearing
 - 3. The Seed of God Must be watered by God’s Covenant Promises
 - 4. The Seed must be given LIGHT: revelation which comes by Meditation on God’s Covenant Promises
 - a. We’ve spent a lot of time concentration on getting the Seed planted & not enough time on its growth: it must grow to produce a harvest
 - b. Praise, Worship, Thanksgiving is also Light & Water
 - iv. The Water & Light (God’s Word) spoken by faith produces substance from the Seed of God’s Word

IV. Faith is Evidence: Proof

- a. The Evidence (proof) is found in God’s Covenant Words
- b. What have others accomplished by their Faith in God?
 - i. Mark 5:25-30
- c. What did Jesus accomplish by His Faith in God?
 - i. He went to the Cross
 - ii. He went to Hell
 - iii. He was Resurrected from Hell: Romans 6:4 – by the Glory
 - 1. Jesus’ Faith produced the Glory of God
- d. Hebrews 12:1-3
 - i. Jesus is the Author of our Faith
 - ii. Jesus is the Developer of our Faith
 - iii. Jesus is the Finisher of our Faith
 - iv. Jesus IS THE WORD (Rev. 19:13)
- e. Our Faith will produce the Glory of God:
 - i. God’s Manifest Presence
 - ii. God’s Manifest Power
 - iii. God’s Manifest Goodness