

Heb 11:1-3 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

The Bible has a great deal to say about the importance of faith

- a. (Rom 12:3) God has dealt to each one of us the measure of faith
- b. (Eph 2:8) Faith...is a gift of God
- c. (Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38) the just (us) shall live by faith
- d. (2 Cor 5:7) We walk by faith
- e. (2 Cor 1:24) We stand by faith
- f. (2 Th 1:3) Our faith can grow
- g. (I Jn 5:4) Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world
- h. (Eph 6:16) Our faith is a shield and it will protect us

‘blind faith’ is believing something that you have no basis to base your belief on; -people believe in things on’t see all the time: like in radar; germs; a plane’s ability to fly Let’s take a deeper look at Heb 11:1-3 and see what it is!

‘Now faith is’ let’s ‘define’ faith first - ‘Faith’ is the confident assurance of what we hope for and the proof of things we cannot see.

Faith’ is the God-given capacity to believe & receive by words we speak and actions we take ‘faith’ is a law – it is a ‘spiritual law’, as real as any natural law, gravity; electricity

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Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”

Mark 11:24 “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

And “Biblical faith” is possible as we get to know the Lord

- And we get to know Him by His Word
- By prayer (time spend with Him)
- worship (getting lost in His presence)
- and personal experiences

-We will never have strong faith if we settle for a casual relationship with God – going along mentally agreeing with Word of God, message

Ps 27:1 says “The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”