

The Relation of Faith to Hope

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[Heb 11:1](#) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Initial Thoughts

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for...”

That is, faith gives realness to hope.

- 1) God gives faith, which gives us the ability to believe.
- 2) God gives the gospel, which tells us what to believe (even defines for us the things we hope for).
- 3) Thus, faith gives realness to hope,
- 4) And hope gives clearness to faith.

I. Faith gives realness to things hoped for—Things hoped for give clearness to faith

II. God gives the new birth—Then God gives the gift of faith—The ability to believe

[Joh 3:8](#) The wind bloweth where it listeth,...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

[Joh 5:25](#) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

[Joh 6:44](#) No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness...faith,

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

III. New Testament hope

A. *Elpis* —Thayer: joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation
—Strong: expectation or confidence

B. Hope is tied to resurrection

Act 23:6 ...of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

Act 24:15 ...hope toward God...that there shall be a resurrection of the dead...

Act 26:6 ...the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers...

Act 26:8 ...that God should raise the dead

Rom 8:23 ...we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

Rom 8:24 For we are saved by hope...

1Th 4:13 ...that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

IV. The “*things hoped for*” define reality for faith

A. The gospel tells us what to believe—Even defines what we hope for

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

B. A short version of the gospel of salvation by grace

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

C. There is an urgency that preachers hold to the gospel of the grace of Christ

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

V. To know the real gospel of salvation by grace is to have real hope to put faith in

A. Our hope is certain in that God promised it

Tit 1:2 In **hope** of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Heb 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Heb 6:19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

B. Our hope is certain in that Christ paid for it

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed **hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us...

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

C. Our hope is certain in that the Holy Spirit applies it

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the **hope** of eternal life.

VI. Statements that declare the relation of faith to hope

**A. Faith gives substance (realness) to things hoped for
—Things hoped for give clearness (definition) to faith**

**B. Faith makes what you hope for real to you
—Hope makes what you put your faith in clear to you**

**C. Faith gives reality to hope
—Hope gives clarity to faith**

VII. Faith in things hoped for gives strength for things now

Heb 11:8 By **faith** Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and **he went out, not knowing whither he went.**

Heb 11:9 By **faith he sojourned** in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country...

Heb 11:10 For **he looked for a city** which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Heb 11:13 These all **died in faith**, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Heb 11:24 **By faith** Moses...

Heb 11:25 **Choosing** rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Heb 11:26 ...had respect unto the recompence of **the reward**.

Heb 11:27 ...for he **endured**, as **seeing him who is invisible**.