

## 21. Jesus and Our Ancestors (Part 1) – Hebrews 11:1-3

- I. What is Faith? – vs. 1
  - A. Defined: Belief, Trust, Finding Something to Be Reliable
  - B. Substance of Things Hoped For
    1. “Existence”
    2. The most solid conviction and absolute assurance of reality
    3. Faith gives substance to the reality for which we hope
  - C. Evidence of Things not Seen
    1. “Proof”
    2. An inner conviction about what is real, even if unseen
    3. Supporting evidence – being sure, knowing
  - D. Where Does Faith Come From?
    1. Incorrect Sources
      - a. The Heart
      - b. The Mind
      - c. The Spirit
      - d. The Soul (Emotions)
      - e. Others
    2. Correct Sources
      - a. Faith is a Gift from God
      - b. Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God
      - c. Faith is a Fruit of the Spirit
- II. Obtaining a Good Testimony – vs. 2
  1. What Others Say About Us
  2. It is God who Testifies – vs. 4, 39
  3. What Does Jesus Say about Us? – Matt 10:32
- III. Our Worldview and Faith – vs. 3
  - A. Setting Our Worldview
  - B. Setting the Authority for What We Believe
  - C. Setting the Stage for Understanding
    1. What is Understanding?
    2. Where Do We Get Understanding?
- IV. The Absence of Faith – Rom 14:22-23