

Sermon Outline

Faith Is

Hebrews 11:1-3

Introduction: Hebrews 11 “Hall of Faith” is what faith looks like in real life

Context: The Hebrews’ need of faith (2:1, 4:2, 6:4-6, 9-12, 10:35-39)

1) Faith Assures (v. 1)

Faith *IS* – it exists in the present

Hupostasis – assurance or substance

Elenchos – evidence or proof

By faith we trust what we cannot see (past, present, future)

The nature of our faith lies in its object

2) Faith Commends (v. 2)

Faith pleases God (11:6)

The righteous shall live by faith (Hab 2:4, Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11,
Luke 18:9-14, Titus 3:5, Rom 5:1-2, Eph 2:8-9)

Present living faith is an extension of saving faith (Heb 10:38)

3) Faith Understands (v. 3)

We understand

God created everything *ex nihilo* by His Word

The importance of understanding Genesis 1

The relevance of such faith in daily life (Heb 10:32-34)