

Adapted from the book by Kenneth E. Hagin "Foundations for Faith"

2. What is Faith?

Bible Texts: Hebrews 11:1; Mark 11:23, 24; John 20:24-29; Romans 4:17-21

Central Truth: Faith is grasping the unseen things hoped for/expected in the Word and bringing them into the realm of the seen.

Hebrews 11:1 NASB Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Moffatt's translation of this verse reads, *"Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see."*

Another translation says, *"Faith is giving substance to things hoped for."*

Still another translation reads, *"Faith is the warranty deed, the thing for which we have finally hoped is at last ours."*

Psalms 27:1 NASB A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?

Head Faith vs. Heart Faith

Mark 11:23-24 NASB "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. (24) "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

Thomas' Faith vs. Abraham's Faith

*John 20:24-29 NASB But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." (26) After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." (27) Then He*

**said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." (28) Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*

Romans 4:17-21 NASB (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. (18) In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." (19) Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; (20) yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, (21) and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

Matthew 9:29 NASB Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith."

1 Peter 2:24 NASB ... for by His wounds you were healed.

Philippians 4:19 NASB And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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