

FAITH IS THE PROOF OF OUR HOPE



HEBREWS 11:1-3

I. For hope to exist, there must be some foundation assuring it (**Hebrews 11:1**).



- How does our faith provide proof for our hope (**Acts 17:31**)
- How does our faith connect us to our anchor? (**Hebrews 6:19**)
- How is your hope being strengthened by the assurance provided by faith?

II. Our assuring faith remains unseen (Hebrews 11:1).



- What is wrong with our attempts to provide our own assurance? (Isaiah 50:10-11)
- How consistently are you walking by faith and not by sight? (II Corinthians 5:7)

III. People of faith have always been commended for their trust in the unseen (Hebrews 11:2).



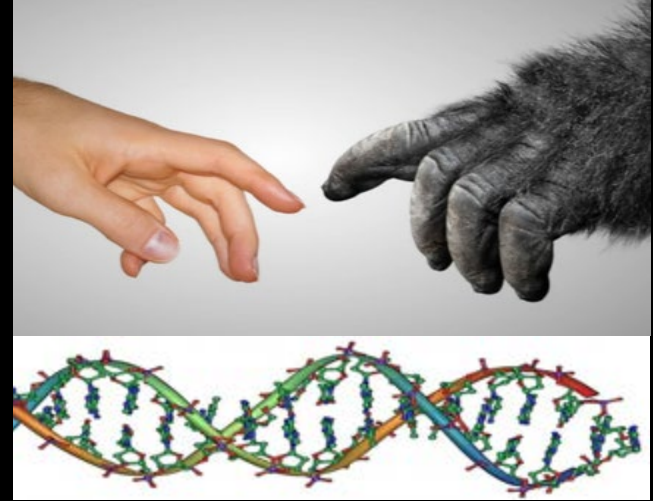
- How could Abraham have trusted in the unseen God so completely? **(Genesis 15:6)**
- How can we be blessed by trusting in the unseen? **(John 20:29)**

IV. Believers know that the universe was formed by God (Hebrews 11:3a).



- How does the creation help us to grow in our faith? (Psalm 19:1-4)
- How does the creation of life help us to grow in our faith? (Psalm 139:13-14)

V. Believers know that what we see was created from something invisible (Hebrews 11:3b).



- How can we know that the science of creation disproves the philosophy of evolution?
- Why must creation be the result of the invisible, spoken word of God?
- How can and does this understanding undergird our faith and our hope?

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- How can we help?**