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Heb 11:1

Now **faith** is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen.

4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

- 1. FAITH - ITS ESSENCE**
- 2. FAITH - THE FAITH**
- 3. FAITH - PERSONAL**
- 4. FAITH - AS A PRINCIPLE**

FAITH → REALITY

HEB 11:1



What is the **essence** of **faith**?
God's total revelation to man
Most through the Bible,
some through general revelation.

What's the source of the
essence of **faith**?

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
2 **Looking unto Jesus** the **author** and **finisher** of **the faith**; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured **the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of **God**.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto **Jesus** the
author and **finisher** of the **faith**.

FAITH → **REALITY**
HEB 11:1



Hebrews 11:1 = the **essence** of **Biblical faith**

Hebrews 11:2-12:1 = **personal faith**
(**resting** in the **essence** of **faith**)

Hebrews 12:2 = **Jesus Christ** is the
author & finisher of **the faith**

The faith in scripture is used three ways:

1. the **essence** of **faith**
2. a **portion** of the **essence** of **faith**
3. **personal faith**

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto **Jesus**
the **author** and **finisher** of **the faith**.

The word here for ‘**author**’ is used only 4 times in scripture in the New Testament.

Acts 3:15 & 5:31 - **prince**

Hebrews 2:10 - **captain**

Hebrews 12:2 - **author**

**author, originator, founder,
prince, leader, captain**

Acts 3: 11

And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The **God** of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, **the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus;** whom ye delivered up, and denied **Him** in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let **Him** go.

14 But ye denied **the Holy One** and **the Just**, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the **Prince** of life(**Author** of life), **Whom God hath raised from the dead;** whereof we are witnesses.

Revelation 3: 14

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the **Amen**, the faithful and true witness, the **beginning** (similar to **author**) of the creation of **God**

John 1:3

All things were made by Him; and without **Him** was not any thing made that was made

Hebrews 2:9

But we see **Jesus**, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that **He** by the grace of **God should taste death for every man.**

10 For it was fitting for **Him**, for **Whom** are all things, and through **Whom** are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect (to bring to a goal) the **author** of their **salvation through sufferings.** (NAS)

Not only is **Jesus Christ**
the **author** or the **originator**
of all **physical life**,
but **He's** the **author** and **He's** the
originator
of all **spiritual life**.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto **Jesus**
the **author** and **finisher** of the **faith**.

finisher = completer, one who brings to a
goal

The **Lord Jesus Christ** is both
the **author**
and
the **one who** **brings to a goal**
the **faith**.

How does **God** convey **faith's** essence?
by **declaring, revealing & sharing His** glory

Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

10:9 That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the **Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that **God** hath raised **Him** from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**. 10 For with the heart man **believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on Him** shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same **Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him**.

13 For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**

God's Everlasting Covenant

Hebrews 13:20

Now the **God** of peace, that brought again from the dead our **Lord Jesus**, that great **shepherd** of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant

FROM ETERNITY PAST GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO **DECLARE HIS GLORY**
2. TO **REVEAL HIS GLORY**
3. TO **SHARE HIS GLORY**
4. TO **BE GLORIFIED**



How do we **believe**?

Romans 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?

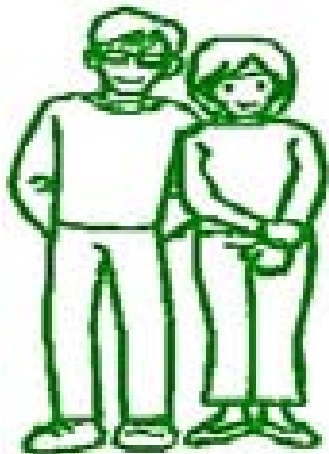
15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all **obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, **Lord**, who hath **believed** our report?**

17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

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HEARING

WORD OF GOD
ROM 10:17

1 Corinthians 1:22

For the Jews require a **sign**, and the Greeks seek after **wisdom**:

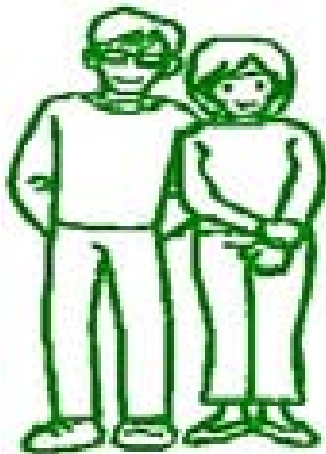
23 But we preach **Christ crucified**, unto the Jews a **stumblingblock**, and unto the Greeks **foolishness**;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the **power** of **God**, and the **wisdom** of **God**.

25 Because **the foolishness of God is wiser than men**; and **the weakness of God is stronger than men**.

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HEB 11:1



HEARING

WORD OF GOD
ROM 10:17

FAITH

REST

PERSONAL FAITH

Genesis 2:17 - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Romans 5:12 - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 8:3 – God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned the sin in the flesh:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 8:1

There is now therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..