

## Hebrews 11:1-2

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.

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#### Introduction

The word "faith" conjures up different thoughts for everyone. Is it the wistful longing of a dreaming heart? The letter to Hebrews was written to a group of Christians struggling to hang on to their faith in the midst of persecution. The writer encourages them by looking at Christ's finished work (from Heaven's perspective) and then urges them to persist in faith, as it has great reward. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews spells out a definition for what this faith really is.

#### Discussion

- >>What are the two aspects of faith mentioned in this definition?
- >>What does "received their commendation" mean?
- >>How does the faith Christians have compare with the faith of non-Christians?

#### Explanation

- >>What are the "things hoped for"?
- >>What are 'things not seen'?
- >>How do we get this assurance?

#### Application

- >>How would 'living by faith' change your life and lifestyle?
- >>How does the 'assurance of things hoped for' affect your life's plans?
- >>How does the 'conviction' of things not seen affect how you go about your day?