

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 11:1-3

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 11:1-3.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

1 Now faith is

the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

3 By faith

we understand

that the worlds were prepared
by the word of God,
so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

1. What is the relationship between 10:32-39 and 11:1 and following?

2. What is the theme of Hebrews 11?

3. In verse 1, how is faith defined?

4. Why are there two lines of definition?

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5. In what Old Testament book have you seen an example of two parallel phrases like we see in verse 1?
6. What is the definition of assurance in the context of this passage?
7. What does “conviction of things not seen” mean?

❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 11:1-3 again.

8. Read Ephesians 2:8. Can we try on our own to “stir up” enough faith for salvation on our own? What does this well-known verse and others tell us is the source of our faith?
9. What are some examples of the world’s definition of faith? How does their definition differ from a biblical definition?
10. Read 11:2 along with Hebrews 1:1-2. How do these 2 verses relate to each other?
11. Who were the “men of old” in V.2?

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12. What is meant by “gained approval” in V.2? (See also v. 39)

13. How many times is the phrase “by faith” used in vs. 3-31? What is the author of Hebrews reinforcing by using this term so often?

❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 11:1-3 again.

14. Read James 2:14-25. How does this passage enhance your understanding of the term “by faith”?

15. Read V3. The author of Hebrews says “By faith we....”. Remembering the context of this chapter as well as the previous chapter, who is “we” referring to? Explain your answer.

16. Read Psalm 33:6 and 2 Peter 3:5. How do these verses reinforce what we see in V3 of our passage?

17. In light of the above truth, how does the author of Hebrews say we understand the creation of the world? What does this reveal about the relationship between faith and understanding?

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18. Summarize verses 1-3 in one sentence.

19. How should our daily life be impacted by applying this passage.

20. How should this passage cause us to praise God and see him glorified?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that Summit Woods Baptist Church would be those of faith – that we would be approved by God.