

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [2] This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Hebrews 11:9 (NIV)

By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Genesis 15:5-6 (NLT)

Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!”

[6] And Abram **BELIEVED the LORD**, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Here IS the PROOF

James 2:20-26

Justified- to be Declared Righteous

Romans 5:1 (NIV)

Therefore, since **we have been JUSTIFIED through FAITH**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Justified- Vindication to SHOW or prove someone is Right or Justified

1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness
is great: **HE appeared in a body,**
was VINDICATED by the Spirit, was seen by
angels, was preached among the nations,
was **BELIEVED ON** in the world,
was taken up in glory.

→ Paul and James **AGREE** about
HOW we are **Saved** and the
IMPORTANCE of good works

Titus 3:4-5 (NLT)

But - When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, [5] **He saved us,**
NOT because of the **righteous things** we had
done, BUT because of His mercy.
He washed away our sins, giving us a
new birth and **new life** through the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:6-7 (NLT)

He generously poured out the Spirit upon us
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

[7] **Because of His GRACE**

He declared us **RIGHTEOUS** and gave
us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

James 1:18 (HCS)

By **His** own **CHOICE**,
He **GAVE** us a **NEW BIRTH**
by the message of **TRUTH**
so that we would be
the firstfruits of His creatures.

Titus 3:8 (NLT)

This is a trustworthy saying, and I
want you to insist on these teachings
so that

ALL who **TRUST** in God
will **DEVOTE** themselves
to **DOING** good...

James 2:26 (NIV)

As the body without the spirit
is dead,

so **FAITH** without **deeds** is **DEAD**.

→ Abraham's **FAITH** was a
GROWING and **Developing FAITH**

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Genesis 15:1 (NIV)

...Do **not be afraid**, Abram.

I am your **shield**, your very **great reward**.

Genesis 15:6 (NIV)

Abram **BELIEVED** the **LORD**,

and **He credited** it to him

as righteousness.

The word **BELIEVED** here is the
biggest word in the chapter, one of the
greatest in the Old Testament...
...it is the **FIRST** instance of the verb
BELIEVE in Scripture.

As a result of this **OBEDIENCE**,
God drew Abraham into a **closer
fellowship** with Himself and called
him **God's friend**. HNTC

Hebrews 11:17 (NIV)

By FAITH Abraham,
when God TESTED him,
offered Isaac as a sacrifice.

He who had **received the PROMISES**
was about to sacrifice his one
and only son...

Signs that Our FAITH is REAL...

- Desire to see **CHANGE** in our own Lives
- **THIRST** for the **Word** of **God**
- Longing to **OBEY** and **HONOR** **God**
- Desire to see **others** come to **FAITH** in Jesus

→ Nobody is **beyond** the **GRACE** of God

Hebrews 11:31 (NIV)

By FAITH the **prostitute Rahab**,
because she welcomed the spies,
was not killed with those who were
disobedient.

Joshua 2:9, 11 (NIV)

...I know that **the LORD has GIVEN this land to you** and that a **great FEAR** of you has **FALLEN** on us...

[11] ...the **LORD** your **God IS God**
in **heaven above** and on
the **earth below.**

In Jewish thinking Rahab was
considered **the MOTHER of all who
turned to Judaism from paganism,**
the first example of a true **CONVERT.**

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Genuine FAITH IS...

- not an **EMPTY** claim
- not merely **MENTAL** Acceptance
- Faith that **PROVES** itself through Obedience

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of the **Evidence**,
but **OBEYING** in spite of the
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In Jewish thought **the offering of Isaac**
was the **END**
of a long string of OBEDIENCE
beginning when **God called Abraham**
to leave Ur of the Chaldeans.

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Redeemed, and with the price of blood -
Which You have shed for me,
I stand, a monument of grace -
A witness, Lord, for Thee.

Redeemed, and made by simple faith -
An heir of Heaven above
Oh, love surpassing human thought -
Oh, vast, unmeasured love