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What Faith Does

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AMAZING STORIES OF FAITH



Hebrews 10:36 "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised... 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."

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“To those who have obtained a
faith of equal standing with ours
(2 Peter 1:1).”



A Theological / Analytical Definition of Faith

Faith Is...

Knowledge

Acceptance

Trust

**A Theological /
Analytical
Definition of
Scripture**

2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,”

**A Definition of
Scripture by
what it does**

Hebrews 4:12-13 *“12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”*

Hebrews 11 describes **What Faith Does**

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Tyndale Bible (1526) “Fayth is a sure **confidence** of thynges which are hoped for and a **certayntie** of thynges which are not sene.

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NIV (1973) “Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see.”

NLT (1996) – “Faith shows the **reality** of what we hope for; it is the **evidence** of things we cannot see.”

ESV - 2001 “Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen.” (ESV)

HCSB (2004) “Now faith is the **reality** of what is hoped for, the **proof** of what is not seen.”

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Faith is the way that we tangibly receive today that which God has promised.

Of Things Hoped for Who Jesus is

(The Great High Priest who makes a living way into the presence of God)

What Jesus has done

(By his blood, provided a forgiveness of sins - and able to save to the uttermost)



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“I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand.” *Augustine*

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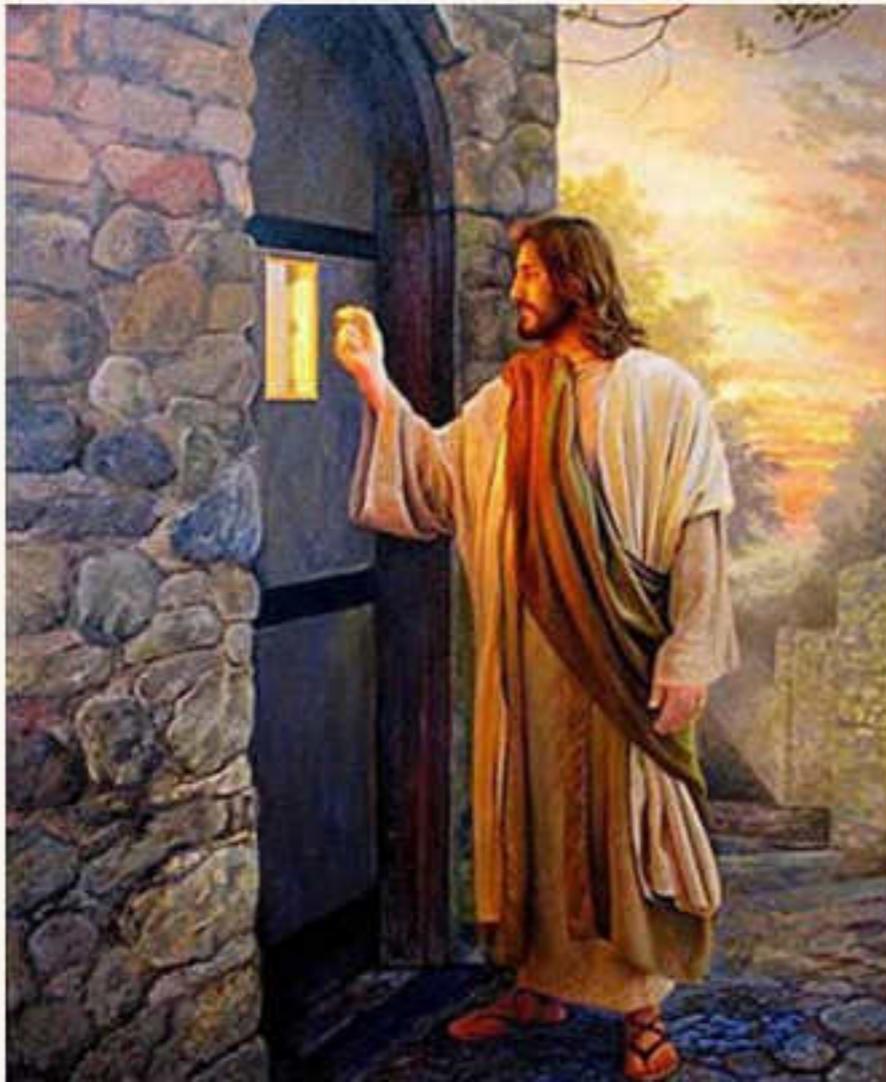
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Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."



1. Faith is the means that you receive God's Grace.

Revelation 4:1-2 "After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here..."



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4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

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Abel's offering was acceptable to God because of his faith. **It was faith that transformed what Abel did into something that pleased God.**

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1 Corinthians 10:23-33

“23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. 24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 26 For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” 27 If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 28 But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— 29 I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience?

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What is the faith that pleases God and transforms what you do and who you are?

1 Corinthians 10

30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

A Faith that gives thanks.

31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Everything done to the Glory of God

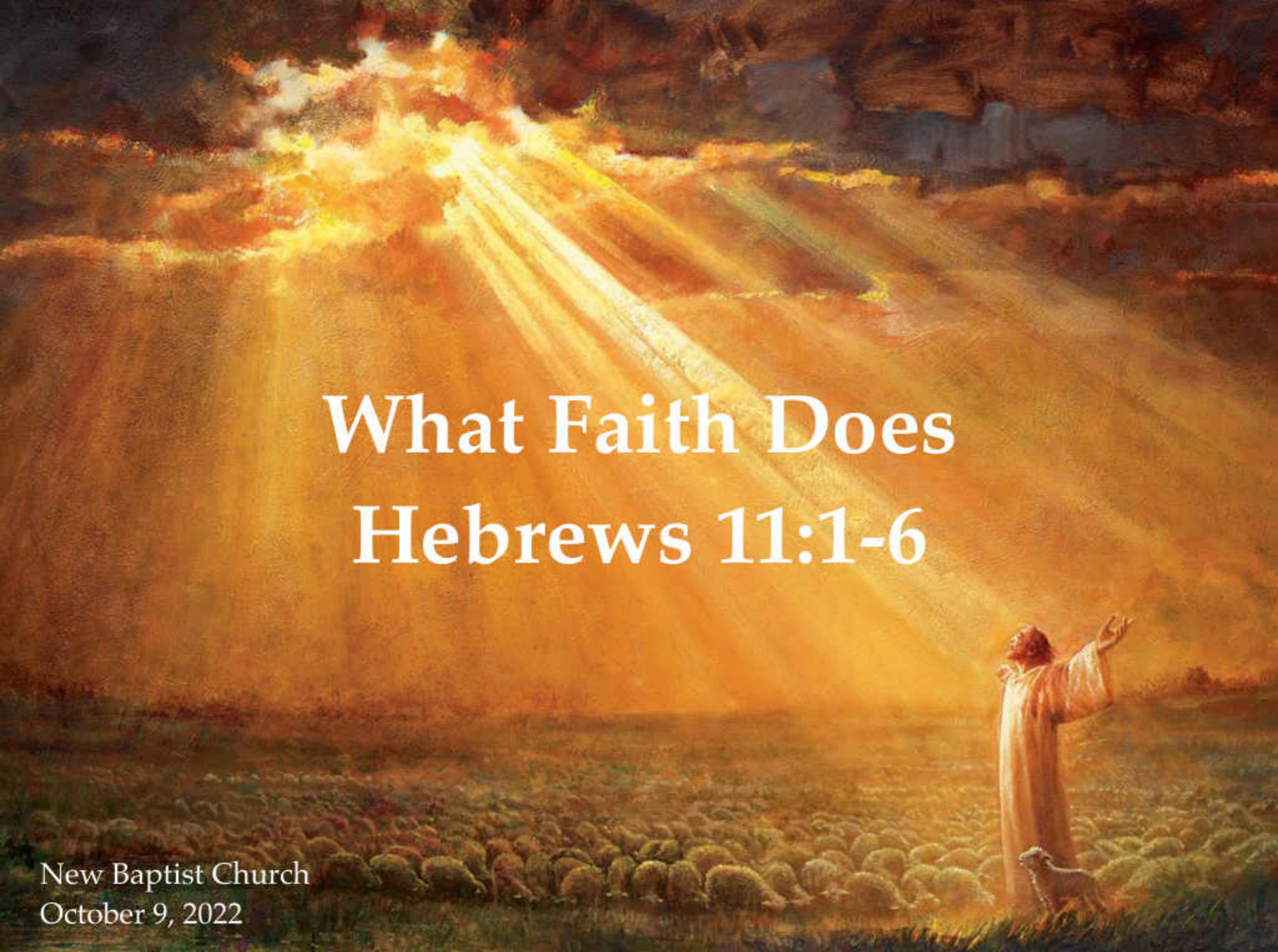
32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,
33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved."

A faith that seeks to love others by drawing them to the Lord.

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Therefore go and live by Faith

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