

# *The Epistle to the* **HEBREWS**

the various NT books were formally brought together into one collection shortly after the various NT books were added for convenience. This epistle's title bears the traditional Greek title which was attested by at least the second century A.D. Within the epistle itself, the recipients are addressed as either Hebrews (Jews) or Gentiles. Since the epistle has been maintained in the canon, its title has been maintained.

## Saving Faith

HEBREWS 10:39 – 11:8

# What is faith?

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- Faith is belief, based on evidence, that results in trust. **Hebrews 11:1**
  - Substance – “confidence” NIV. “Being sure of” NET.
  - Evidence – “confidence” NASB ‘95.
- Faith is not blind belief.
- Faith is essential to be approved of by God. **Heb. 11:2**
- Faith is how we understand things not seen. **Heb. 11:3**

# How Does Faith Come?

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- We may understand the definition but, how does one “get” faith?
- Faith is based on evidence and is related to knowledge.  
**Heb. 11:1, 3**
- Saving faith comes from hearing the Word of God.  
**Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:7, 8 (cf. Gen. 12:1-3).**

# Why Is Faith Necessary?

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- Faith is 100% essential for salvation. Heb. 11:6
- The ancients had it (**Heb. 11:2**), so what did they have?
  - They believed God existed (**John 8:24**).
  - They believed that He rewarded those who diligently sought Him.

# How Is Faith Shown?

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- Here is how we can know we have a faith that saves:
- Look at all the examples in **Heb. 11**:
  - Abel offered (**Heb. 11:4**)
  - Enoch walked with God (**Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:24**)
  - Noah prepared an ark (**Heb. 11:7**)
  - Abraham obeyed (**Heb. 11:8**)
- Saving faith is when I understand what God said and I trust, I act, on what He said.