

# FAITH TERMS INTERACTION BRIEF



“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen.” (He.11:1)



EVIDENCE		SUBSTANCE	THINGS HOPED FOR	
INFORMATION	[Greek: ἔλεγχος — <i>elegchos</i> ] Divine <b>EVIDENCE</b> comes from <u>hearing and understanding the Word of God</u> which becomes our foundation for faith.	[Greek: ὑπόστασις — <i>hupostasis</i> ] <b>SUBSTANCE</b> gives <u>spiritual sight</u> to future hope-promises defining and influencing how we live our lives today.	[Greek: ἐλπίζω — <i>elpizō</i> ] <b>HOPE-PROMISES</b> are <u>what we focus on</u> from God's Word, but do not receive in our lifetime.	INFORMATION

## PAST

- The Bible gives us the truths or evidence that help our faith.
- It all starts with hearing the Word of God (**Ro.10:17**).
- Hearing involves some level of understanding. Reading is the equivalent of hearing.



## PRESENT

- Substance is the unseen support of hope promises that motivates visible action.
- Substance is created in the theater of our minds as we focus on future hope promises.
- Substance is spiritual and seen by faith-eyes, though it cannot be seen by unbelievers or the natural eye.
- Possessing the reality of hope gives an inward response to God's faithfulness, and supplies an outward motivation for our spiritual walk.



## FUTURE

- Hope is a future promise based on past evidence from the Word of God.
- Hope is always future. “<sup>24</sup>For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance” (**Ro.8:24-25**).
- The patriarchs did not receive the promises in their lifetime (**He.11:13, 39**). It is “better for us” (**v.40**) that their future hopes be delayed to include us. We enjoy them in Christ. God always fulfills His promises either now or ultimately.