

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
<div data-bbox="128 407 163 597" data-label="Text">INFORMATION</div> <p>[Greek: ἔλεγχος — <i>elegchos</i>] Divine EVIDENCE comes from <u>hearing and understanding the Word of God</u> which becomes our foundation for faith.</p>	<p>[Greek: ὑπόστασις — <i>hupostasis</i>] SUBSTANCE gives <u>spiritual sight</u> to future hope-promises defining and influencing how we live our lives today.</p>	<div data-bbox="1927 407 1965 597" data-label="Text">INFORMATION</div> <p>[Greek: ἐλπίζω — <i>elpizō</i>] HOPE-PROMISES are <u>what we focus on</u> from God's Word, but do not receive in our lifetime.</p>
PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <div data-bbox="153 1125 699 1390" data-label="Image"> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <div data-bbox="1056 1125 1272 1325" data-label="Image"> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope is a future promise based on past evidence from the Word of God. • Hope is always future. “²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵But 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.