

**HEBREWS:
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

**The Nature and Necessity of Faith
Hebrews 11:1-7
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Introduction

Proposition: We must overcome the daily pressures to hide our commitment to Jesus Christ, because he is real.

Defining Faith

I. Nature of Faith (vs. 1-3)

“assurance...”

“commendation”

“hoped for...”

- 1. Restoration**
- 2. Return**
- 3. Resurrection**
- 4. Removal of guilt**

II. Necessity of Faith (vs. 4-7)

“conviction of things not seen...”

“impossible to please God...rewards...”

“by faith Abel offered...Enoch pleased...Noah condemned...”

Conclusion

Discussion Questions

1. The term “faith” gets tossed around quite a bit. How do you typically define faith, and how, if at all, has this passage shaped your understanding of the true meaning of faith?
2. Why is “hope” for Christians more sure than wishful thinking?
3. What are some practical ways your faith shows itself in your life? Are there specific areas for growth?
4. How does Christ’s promised return, instead of making us escapist, instead exhort us to “live godly lives in this present age” (Titus 2:12)?

Going Deeper

1. Are there situations or spheres you are a part of where you try to conceal your faith in Jesus? Why or why not?
2. Review the martyr of Stephen in Acts 7 and note what it was that enabled him to boldly proclaim Christ, even to his death.