



A Case Of Faith Ministries Newsletter



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Biblical Hope

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things HOPED for, the evidence of things not seen.

AMPC: Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] HOPE for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

Hope is from the Greek word meaning a favourable and confident expectation. It's not a worldly hope so, think so, maybe so kind of mindset.

Hebrews 6:11-12 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of HOPE until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

V19 This HOPE we have as an ANCHOR of the SOUL, both sure and steadfast ...

Hope is the same Greek word in *Hebrews 11:1* meaning a favourable and confident expectation. **Soul** is from the Greek word 'psyche,' meaning our mind, will, intellect and emotions.

Hope, or a favourable and confident expectation, will conform our will to God's will which is God's Word. The will of God and the Word of God are the same thing. Hope, a favourable and confident expectation, keeps us in the spirit by anchoring **our mind, our thinking**, in the Word and stop it from racing with anti-Word thoughts and reasonings.

2 Corinthians 10:5 ... casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ ...

We need to take control of, and not be controlled by, our mind, our thinking, our reasoning that is contrary to God's Word. Reason is the #1 tool the devil uses to redirect our attention away from our simple trust in

God's Word. Like most Christians, we can be guilty of reasoning away our God-kind of faith. When we do that, it's because we've already lost or at least impaired our hope, our favourable and confident expectation.

2 Corinthians 10:5 is not a polite suggestion but a command. The grammatical structure is such that we cast those anti Word thoughts down **violently**.

Philippians 4:5-8 is what we need to be thinking all the time: ... *The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*

Biblical hope is a spiritual force to give our God-kind of faith direction and aim on a daily basis by keeping our thoughts in line with God's Word which is His will, **if** we do what *2 Corinthians 10:5* instructs us to do. The God-kind of faith is of the spirit. We've never had a God-kind of faith failure because we can never fail using God's faith. We don't have a spirit or faith problem. We've had, or have, a thinking problem, a mind problem, a reasoning problem, and a hope problem. The God-kind of faith is not of the mind, but the mind must get involved. The realm we are most familiar with will get our greatest attention. What we experienced in the past was probably not a faith failure, a failure of our faith, but a breakdown of our thinking or a breakdown of our hope. There's no such thing as a God-kind of faith failure.

1 Corinthians 2:16 ... we have the MIND of Christ. We must anchor our minds in God's Word to function with the mind of Christ. **Mind** is the Greek word **nous**. It

has a number of meanings. Here it refers to the counsel and purposes in the mind of God. So, what is God's will? Now, let's go back to *Hebrews 11:1* and the other element in this verse - the God-kind of faith. God's modus operandi (method of operation) has always been, is, and always will be the God-kind of faith. The God-kind of faith begins where the will of God is known and that will **only** be found in His Word, the Bible, because the will of God is the Word of God. Our God-kind of faith cannot go beyond the revealed Word of God. Our God-kind of faith will not produce past our knowledge, understanding, belief, trust and acceptance of God's Word. The strength of our faith is the strength of God's Word in our life. When we have God's Word or belief about something, when we are thoroughly persuaded about that something, we have the God-kind of faith. The God-kind of faith puts us in possession of everything that the death of Jesus and His resurrection obtained for us. But when we don't know God's Word, or when we know it but are unwilling to co-operate with it, we forfeit our rights and privileges to access or appropriate those rights and privileges that pertain to life and godliness.

So, the question is: how has this pandemic affected our hope, our favourable and confident expectation, as it pertains to our covenant plan of salvation with our heavenly Father and, therefore, how has it impacted our God-kind of faith? The great apostle of faith, Smith Wigglesworth, once said, "You can never pray the prayer of faith while looking at or considering the problem." Are we looking at the problem of the pandemic and the problems it has created or are we looking at God's Word? We need to constantly visualize the enormity and power of God, His nature within us, next to the puniness of this pandemic, or any other problem for that matter. Never plan on waiting for any part of God's covenant plan of salvation that has already been imparted to us. Did we have to wait to be born again?

Personal Note

Many of you know our daughter, son-in-law and grandson live in England, moving there in November 2005, at the Lord's direction. In January 2006, they pioneered Gateway Christian Centre in the Birmingham area. The church has grown to 1200. A major challenge faced in England is to find premises that will house a congregation of that size and that has adequate off-street parking. Existing church properties are old, archaic, have limited off-street parking, if any, require extensive renovation and rarely become available for sale. As they have sensed the time in their present rental facility is coming to an end, the search for new premises began in late 2019. Holy Spirit had already been at work directing them to a suitable option and the divine connections and favour that has allowed them to place an offer for the property. But there's always a step of faith - they'll need £600K by November 30th to close the deal! God is able!

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