

T H E E V I D E N C E Y O U C A N N O T S E E H E B I I

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What is your definition of faith? _____

“Faith is the _____ in what we hope for...” NIV

- the _____ of things hoped for.....KJV
- to be sure of the things we hope for..... GNT
- the basis of things hoped forWilson
- the essence ofCBL
- a solidly grounded certainty about.....Adams
- confidence in the realization of one’s hopes....TCNT

... and _____ about what we do not see. Heb. 11:1

- _____ of things not seen. KJV
- to be certain of the things we cannot see. GNT
- gives us proof of what we cannot see. CEV
- being convinced of what we do not see. NET
- it is being sure of what we cannot see. NLT
- an (inner) conviction regarding things not yet visible. TCNT

1. Faith is more than a _____.

⁸ *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.*

⁹ *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” II Corinthians 12:8-9*

2. Our faith is not in our _____, it is in the _____ of our God.

“... if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.” II Timothy 2:13

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

3. Faith is not a _____ set of beliefs, it is a force that _____ your eyes and turns your life _____ down.

¹⁶ *“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

II Kings 6:16-17

For we live by faith, not by sight. II Corinthians 5:7

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Romans 10:17

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17