## Hebrews – Jesus is the High Priest of the Perfect Covenant (Part 20) Faith Without Christ is not Faith at All

Hebrews is written to professing Hebrew-Christians who were wavering their faith in Christ due to persecution. The whole theme of chapters 1-10 is to prove Christ better than everything connected with the Old Covenant. Hebrews Chapter 11 is all about faith, including the only \_\_\_\_\_\_of the concept contained in scripture. The concept of faith is greatly misunderstood. Faith is not just positive thinking, an \_\_\_\_\_\_ you follow, optimism, or hoping for the best. Faith is not a blind leap or a lever to move God. Faith, according to the Bible, is the human response to \_\_\_\_\_\_ revelation. Faith is a requirement for the daily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_for true believers. (Mark 11:22) Faith as a concept is not enough since all religious systems including atheism and evolution require faith. Real saving and sanctifying faith must have \_\_\_\_\_\_ as its exclusive focus. Faith, in the context of Hebrews 11, has to do with endurance or perseverance. (Hebrews 11:1-3) The basics of Christian faith. (v.1) Definition - the means by which spiritual truths can be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to genuine believers. By faith we are sure of eternal things; by hope we are confident that we shall have them. Faith makes the promises of God sure and meaningful in the believer's life. Faith has reality and that reality is the person of God and His promises. Faith makes us aware that we are surrounded by an invisible spiritual kingdom. (1 Kins 6:8-17) It is possible to see\_\_\_\_\_, who is unseen, through faith. (John 4:24) (v.2-3) Explanation - God is always pleased when His children exercise true faith in His promises. Faith allows us to believe in the whole created universe and the periods of time administered by God. By faith we know that God\_\_\_\_\_\_, and His Word tells us He is the Creator. By faith we know that God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of all human circumstances, and they do not fall upon the world by chance or coincidence. Real faith perseveres and faith that does not persevere is not faith.