Mark 16:15 &16 Mark16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Psalms 41:1-3 Blessed [*is*] he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. 41:2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; [*and*] he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. 41:3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness

Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

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

**RV** (revised version) Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen.

Phillip's translation: Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith means putting our full confidence in the things we hope for, it means being certain of things we cannot see. It was this kind of faith that won their reputation for the saints of old. And it is after all only by faith that our minds accept as fact that the whole scheme of time and space was created by God's command—that the world which we can see has come into being through principles which are invisible.

I John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

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

Aristotle uses it for a mathematical demonstration, and properly defines it thus: "Elen-chos, or Demonstration, is that which cannot be otherwise, but is so as we assert."

Hebrews 11:2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

By faith the fathers, or elders, of the Jews obtained a good report in the word of God.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Today scientists tell us the universe was came into being when some primal matter about the size of my thumb exploded "in a big bang" and made everything ... I have a question: <u>Where did that original primal matter come from?</u> The Bible tells us by Faith God created the original stuff He made everything else from ... Faith is the very creative power that when God spoke by Divine Fiat the primal matter came into existence out of nothing. cf:

Genesis 1:1-3 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [*was*] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice, i.e. sin sacrifice or offering, when he offered the blood of an innocent victim.

"... he being dead yet speaketh.", preached by his offering of an innocent victim that atonement is necessary.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith [*it is*] impossible to please [*him*]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [*that*] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

"he that cometh to God ..." we have a duty and obligation to worship God through Christ.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [*is*]; but exhorting [*one another*]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

" ... he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." He is not indifferent to them who approach Him in faith and come to Him in the appointed way.

Luke 11:9-10 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [*was*] great in the earth, and [*that*] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [*was*] only evil continually

Genesis 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart [*is*] evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.<sup>67</sup>

Faith is to hear God's Word, believe God's Word, take action based upon the Word you have heard, in other words, faith is to hear, believe, do and trust with reliance.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Hebrews 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [*in*] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

"...the land of promise ..." was a type, or a shadow of, the better thing to come. Canaan land was promised to be a land of milk and honey.

Matthew 5: 5 Blessed [*are*] the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Greek the land)

Now in this new Canaan land milk and honey shall flow in the hearts of men they will become Christ like cf:

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all [*ye*] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke [*is*] easy, and my burden is light.

"... dwelling in tabernacles ..." Abraham lived in a tent, he had no house.

Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [*is*] God.

Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

" ... whose builder and maker [*is*] God. ...", God is the Architect of the Heavenly City.

Hebrews 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Sara endured much ridicule for children were looked at as God's blessing and barrenness as disfavor with the Divine.

Hebrews 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, [*so many*] as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Genesis 22:15-18 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only [*son*]: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which [*is*] upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [*them*], and embraced [*them*], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

They were without a country dwelling in the land by promise.

Hebrews 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

A country is where your rights are, in the case of us, where our constitutional rights are.

Hebrews 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that [*country*] from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

They could have, at any time, renounced God and returned to Ur of the Chaldeans.

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better [*country*], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Revelation 21:1-4 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [*is*] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [*and be*] their God. 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:9-10 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Revelation 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

Furlong is 606 ft. or 12,000 furlongs is 7,272,00 ft or 1377 miles, or a cube 1377 miles, long, wide & high.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [*son*],

Genesis 22:1-2 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, [*here*] I [*am*]. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only [*son*] Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Hebrews 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Genesis 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Hebrews 11:19 Accounting that God [*was*] able to raise [*him*] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Accounting is Confidence in God and God took him on a daring adventure or exploit.

Hebrews 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

Hebrews 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, [*leaning*] upon the top of his staff.

Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

"... made mention of the departing ...", God had promised there was an end to their misery in bondage after 400 years.

Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [*that is*] not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw [*he was*] a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Exodus 1:21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Moses could have inherited the throne outright himself.

Hebrews 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Romans 8:17-18 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [*him*], that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [*are*] not worthy [*to be compared*] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Hebrews 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Hebrews 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

He didn't fear the wrath of the king when he forsook Egypt the second time, at the Exodus.

Hebrews 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

I encourage you to read the story of the Passover found in Exodus 12, which was a shadow of the Christ our Passover sacrifice and our com-me-mo-ra-tion of His death in the Lord Supper.

I Corinthians 5:7 " ... For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"

Hebrews 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [*land*]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

II Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Ra-hab(RA-hab) perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Hebrews 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gede-on(GE-dee on), and [*of*] Bar-ak(BAR-ak, and [*of*] Samson, and [*of*] Jephthae(JEFF-thay); [*of*] David also, and Samuel, and [*of*] the prophets:

Hebrews 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Hebrews 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Hebrews 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Lazarus, who was raised from the dead in John 11, died again, but, we look for a better resurrection in eternal life where we live to die no more.

Hebrews 11:36 And others had trial of [*cruel*] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Hebrews 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Hebrews 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and [*in*] mountains, and [*in*] dens and caves of the earth.

Hebrews 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

The promise had not been fulfilled for the Messiah had not yet come.

Hebrews 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

We will receive a final glorification.

Revelation 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [*were*], should be fulfilled.

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