# Faith is Simply Belief

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

In the expression "faith is the substance of things hoped for," the Apostle Paul is not actually explaining what faith is; instead, he is showing what faith does in an operative intent: Faith undergirds what we hope for. Substance signifies "that which stands under." You see, faith is the foundation for what we expect, the base for our relationship with The Lord and everything that it indicates within His purpose. Our faith is the very beginning of everything that genuinely matters spiritually.

In its simplest form, faith is simply belief. By saying that it is the "assurance" or "evidence" (the word can be translated as "title deed", though "assurance" appears to be the best all-around expression) of the things hoped for, Paul comes much closer to clarifying what faith is. As our understanding becomes more involved and operative, when we begin to put our faith to work, it becomes "confidence."

Finally, in its most refined form, when it becomes entirely operational, it is "trust." And this trust, this full dimension of faith, is alive and functions within our relationship with our Lord. And this, brings pleasure to our God!

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos