

Definitions of Terms
Hebrews 11:1-22

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- 11:1 **assurance** (*hypostasis*). “Widely different meanings... **1** the essential or basic structure/nature of an entity, *substantial nature, essence, actual being, reality* (underlying structure, oft. in contrast to what merely seems to be... Among the meanings that can be authenticated for Hb 11:1 a strong claim can be made for realization (... the realization of a plan ... by a divine act... In faith things hoped for become realized, or things hoped for take on ... reality. Conversely, ‘without faith things hoped for would have no reality’”.
- conviction** (*elegchos*). “**1** the act of presenting evidence for the truth of something, *proof, proving*... faith is a proving (or conviction about) unseen things=faith means to be sure about things unseen (in contrast to confidence in the temporal) Hb 11:1.”
- 11:2 **commend** (*martyreô*). “**1** to confirm or attest someth. on the basis of personal knowledge... To offer testimony... *passive, be witnessed, have witness borne* ... by someone.”
- 11:3 **understand** (*noeô*). “**1** to grasp or comprehend something on the basis of careful thought, *perceive, apprehend, understand, gain an insight into*.”
- 11:5 **take** (*metatithêmi*). “**1** to convey from one place to another, *put in another place, transfer*... Of Enoch *be taken up, translated, taken away (to heaven)* Hb 11:5.”
- 11:13 **receive** (*lambanô*). “To take into one’s possession, *take, acquire* ... to be a receiver, *receive, get, obtain*.”
- 11:17 **receive** (*anadechomai*). “To experience something by being accepting, *accept, receive* ... [the promises] Hb 11:17.”
- 11:11 **conceive** (*katabolé*). “A technical term for the sowing of seed, used of begetting... If this meaning is correct for Hb 11:11, [then] there is probably some error in the text, since this expression could not be used of Sarah, but only of Abraham (e.g. ... ‘together w. Sarah’ ...).”
- 11:16 **desire** (*orgeomai*). “Literally ‘stretch oneself, reach out one’s hand’ ... and only figuratively: to seek to accomplish a specific goal, *aspire to, strive for, desire*... long for a better (home) Hb 11:16.”
- 11:19 **figuratively** (*parabolé*). “Something that serves as a model or example pointing beyond itself for later realization, *type, figure*... A symbol (pointing) to the present age Hb 9:9. ... As a type (of the violent death and of the resurrection of Christ) 11:19.”