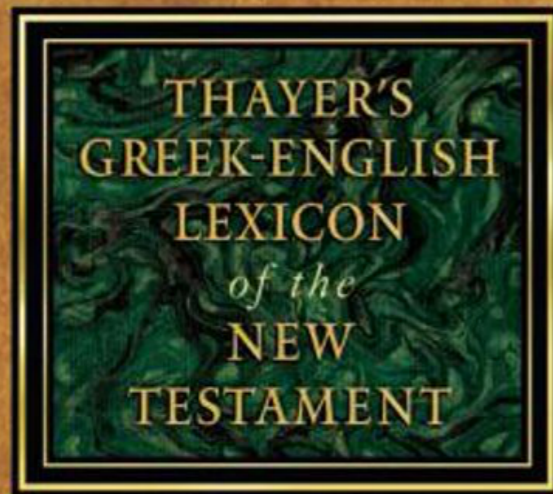


WHAT IS FAITH?

First Sunday, First Principles #3

DEFINING “FAITH”:



*Coded with
Strong's Concordance
Numbers*

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“conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man’s relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervor born of faith and joined with it”

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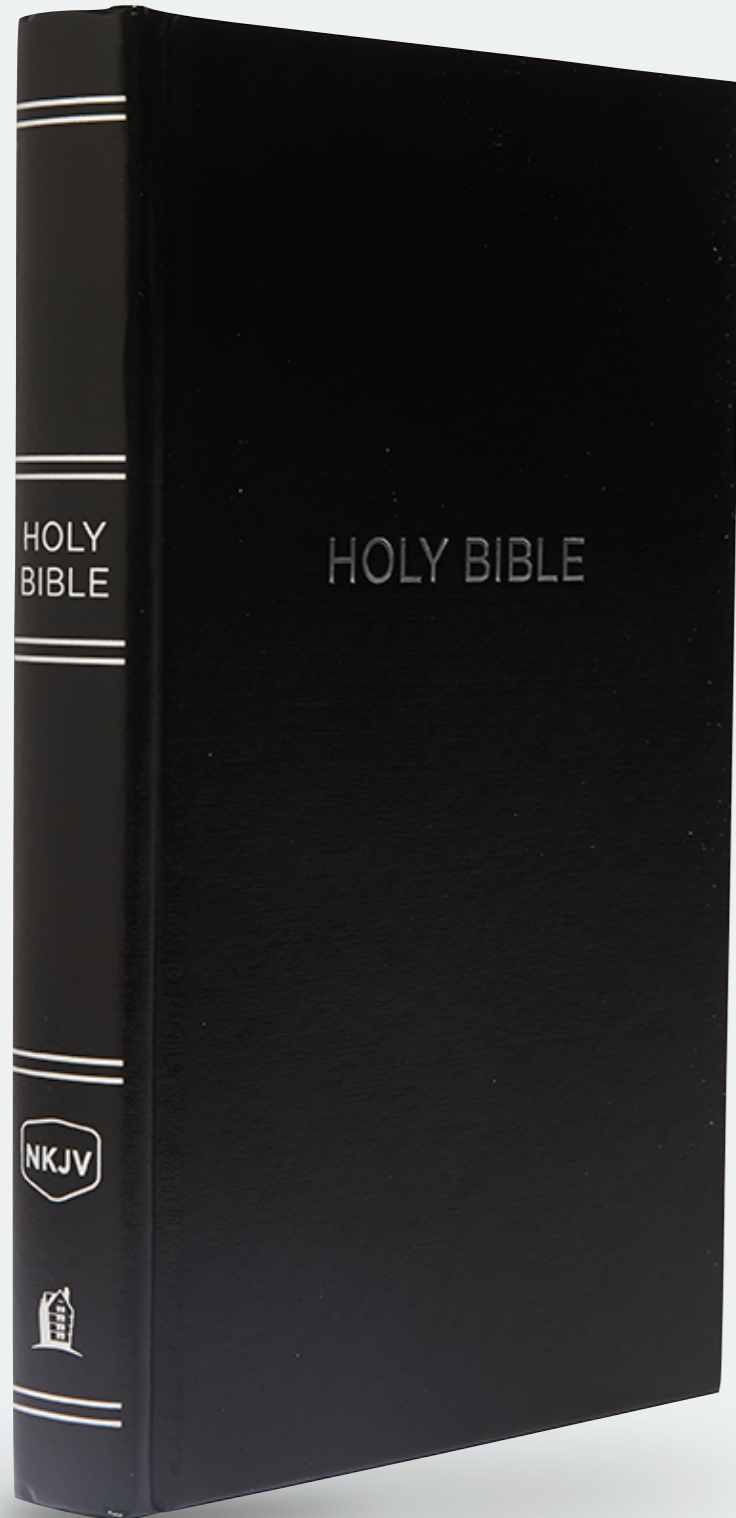
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“primarily, ‘firm persuasion,’ a conviction based upon hearing (akin to peitho, “to persuade”), is used in the NT always of ‘faith in God or Christ, or things spiritual.’”

DEFINING “FAITH”:



Hebrews 11.1 (page 1381)

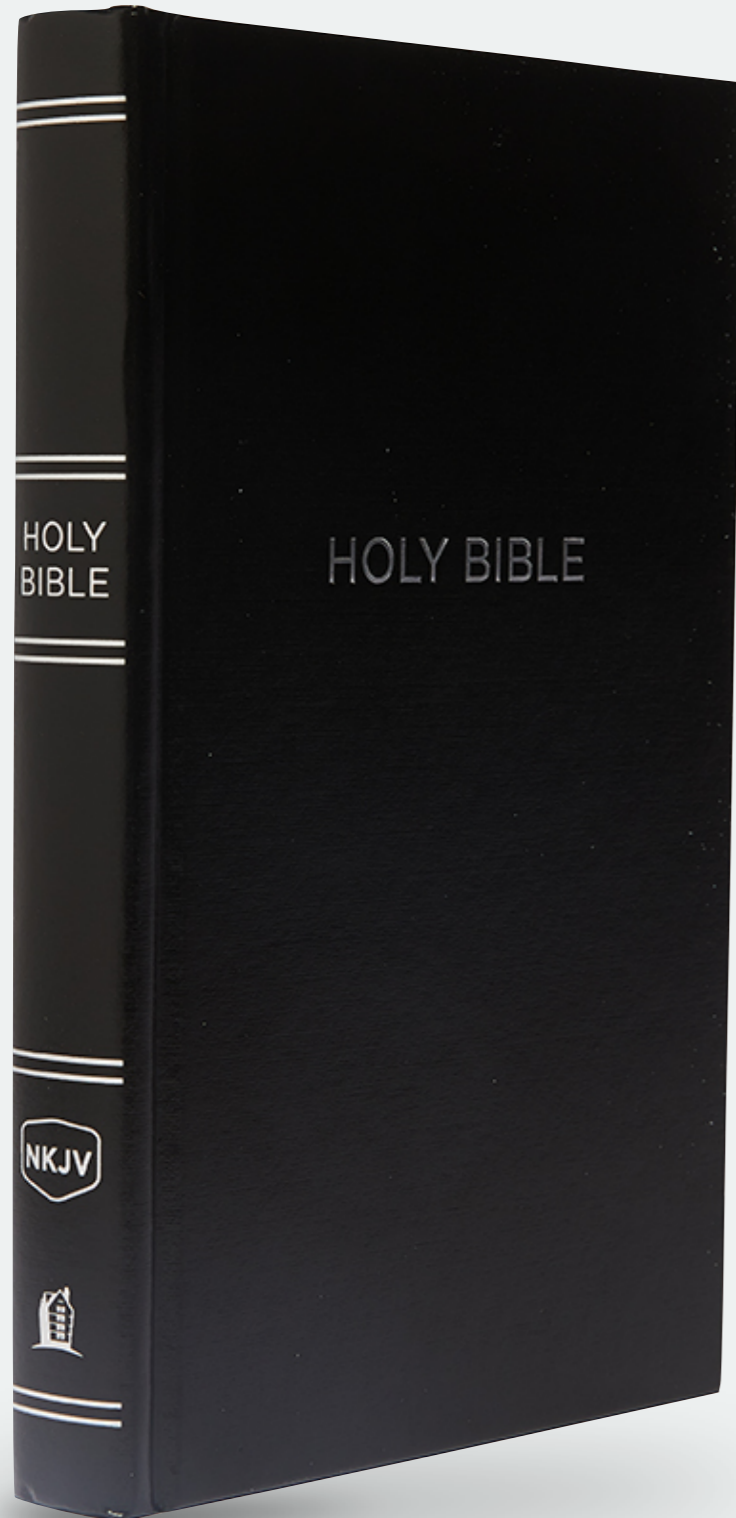
*“Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen.”*

Faith is foundational — faith is the foundation for hope

Faith is convicting — faith accepts what is not yet seen

Faith is not courtroom-style evidence

DEFINING “FAITH”:



Hebrews 11.1 (LBLA)

“Ahora bien, la fe es la certeza de lo que se espera, la convicción de lo que no se ve.”

“Now, faith is the certainty of what is hoped for, the conviction of what is not seen.”

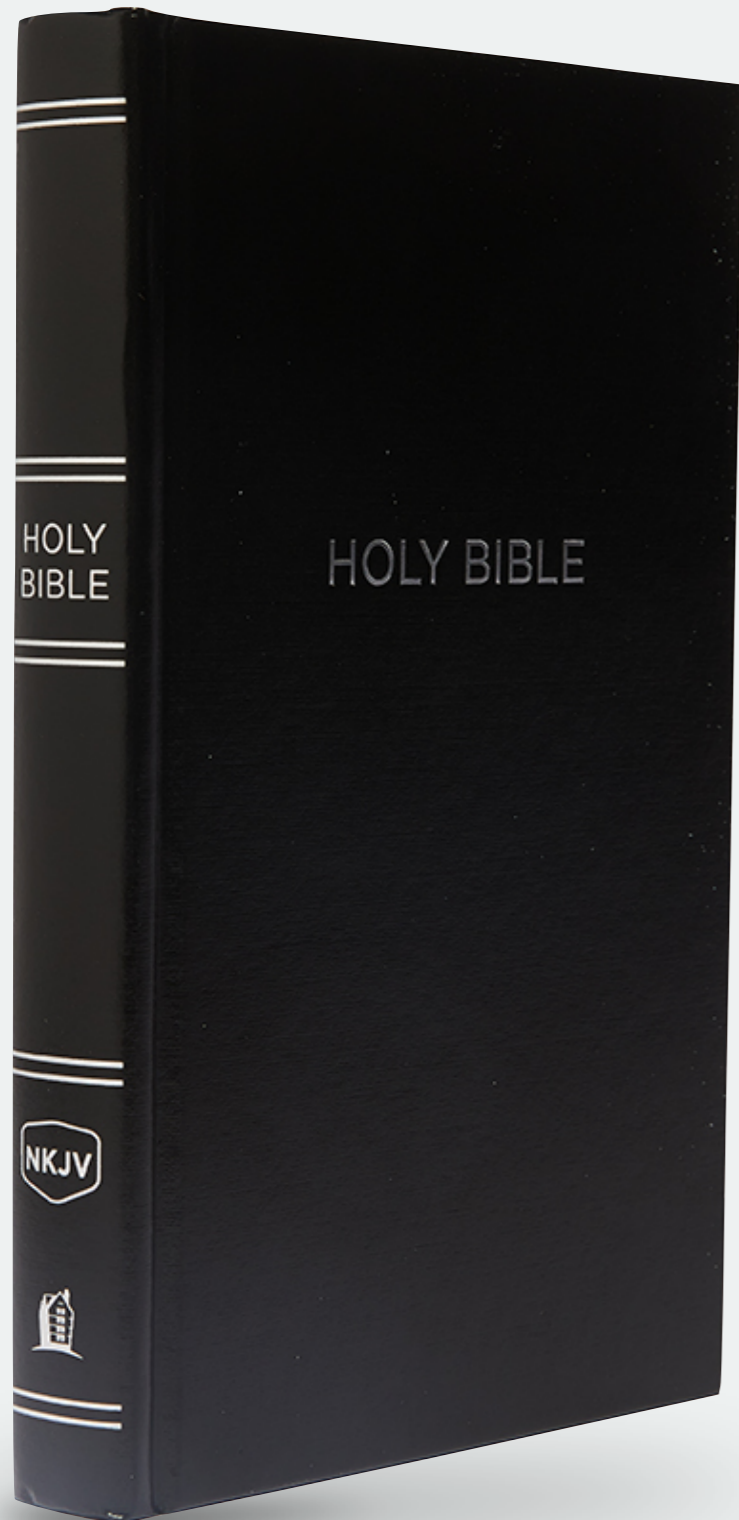
Faith is trust — trusting in God’s person and promise

Faith is confidence — seeing what is yet unseen

FAITH IN HEBREWS 11:

- Faith brings life.
 - Hebrews 10.38 (p1381)
- Faith embraces belief.
 - Hebrews 10.39 (p1381)
- Faith brings us into a relationship with God.
 - Hebrews 11.2 (p1381)
- Faith accepts, but not blindly.
 - Hebrews 11.3 (p1381) – especially note “we understand”
- Faith is connected with righteousness.
 - Hebrews 11.4 (p1381)

SEEING FAITH:



Hebrews 11.6 (page 1381-1382)

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Faith believes in God.

Faith diligently seeks God.

Faith is not simply belief.

Faith looks to Jesus (Hebrews 12.2; page 1383)

FAITH AND JESUS:

- Faith looks to Jesus and finds God's grace.
 - Acts 20.21-24 (p1281)
- Faith in Jesus leads to being made righteous.
 - Romans 3.21-26 (p1296)
- Faith is rooted in Jesus, crucified and resurrected.
 - 1 Corinthians 15.14-17 (p1323)
- Faith in Jesus brings me into God's family.
 - Galatians 3.26-27 (p1339)
- Faith embraces baptism.
 - Colossians 2.11-12 (p1354)

Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 5.1