



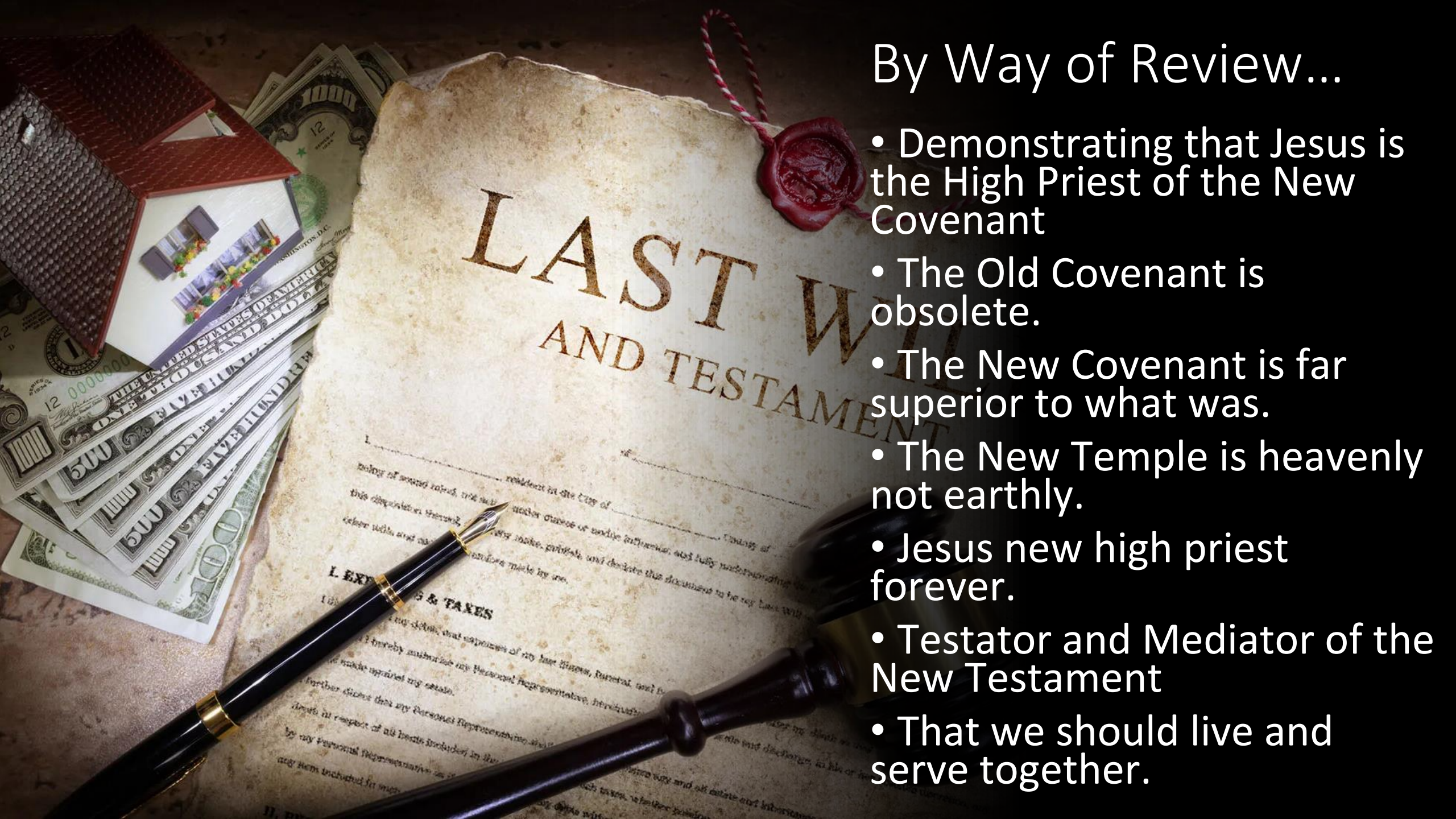
A Study In Hebrews

The Hall of Faith

Hebrews 11

By Way of Review...

- Demonstrating that Jesus is the High Priest of the New Covenant
- The Old Covenant is obsolete.
- The New Covenant is far superior to what was.
- The New Temple is heavenly not earthly.
- Jesus new high priest forever.
- Testator and Mediator of the New Testament
- That we should live and serve together.



Faith... The most obvious and elusive of concepts

- Heb 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. (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.

- What is Faith?

Πίστις (pistis) pis'-tis; Thayer Definition:

1) 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 fervour born of faith and joined with it

1a) relating to God

1a1) the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ

1b) relating to Christ

1b1) a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God

1c) the religious beliefs of Christians

1d) belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same

How are people saved?

- This is a fundamental question that must be asked when dealing with the idea of faith. Because... “Without faith it is impossible to please god...” Heb. 11:16 (More on that later)
- This is the fundamental existential question of Christianity.

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

In the economy of the New Testament, it is easy to determine a pathway to Salvation.

But what about all these guys in the Hall of Faith, all Old Testament saints, before Christ?



Old Testament Salvation...

Clearly not by the law...

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is evident*: for, The just shall live by faith.

- If you thought this applied on to NT saints, then bear in mind this is a direct quote from Habakkuk 2:4.

The point of the Law...

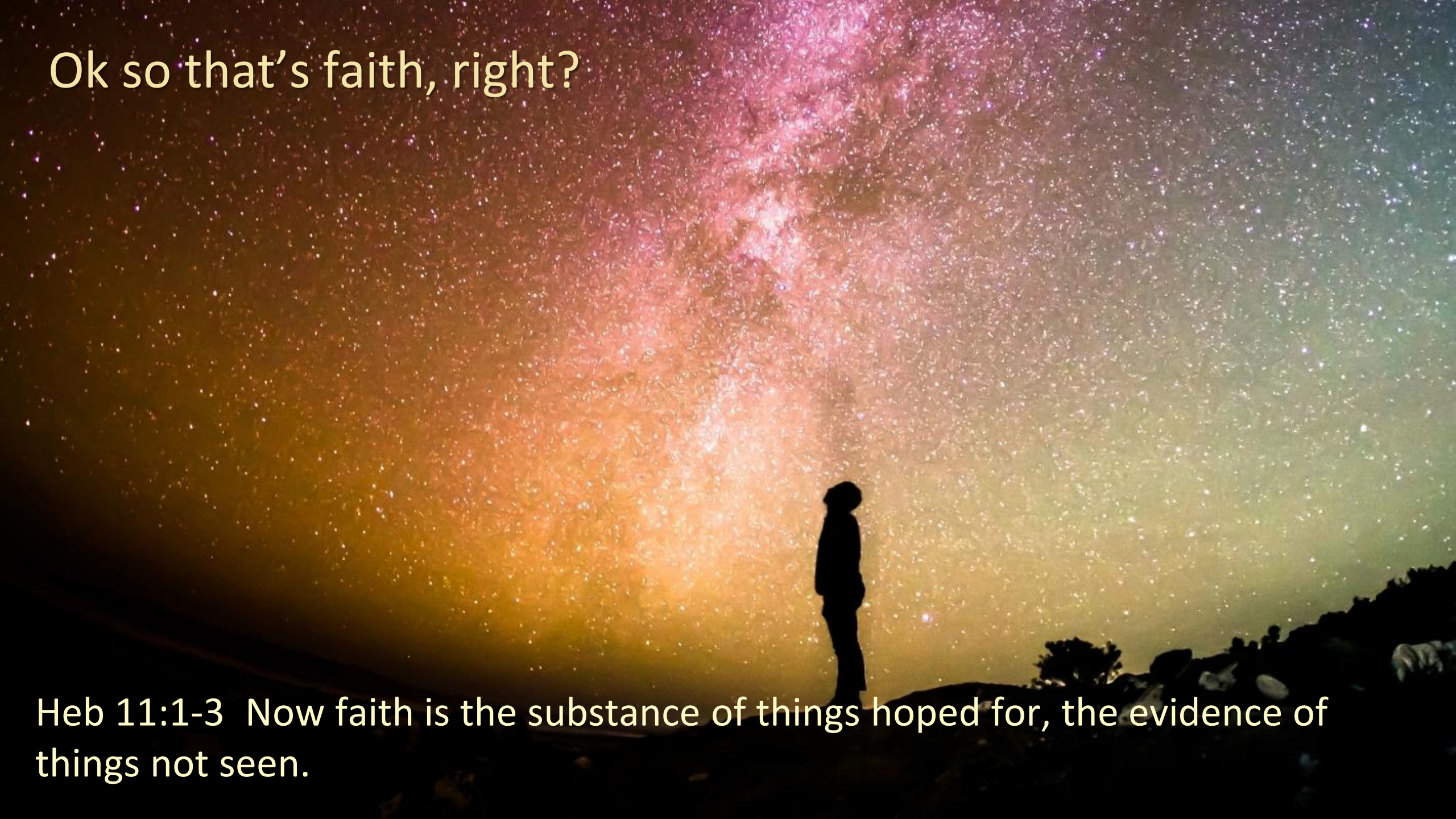
Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Rom 4:1-3 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? (2) For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. (3) For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Clearly the just live by faith and not by works...



Ok so that's faith, right?



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What is the substance of faith...

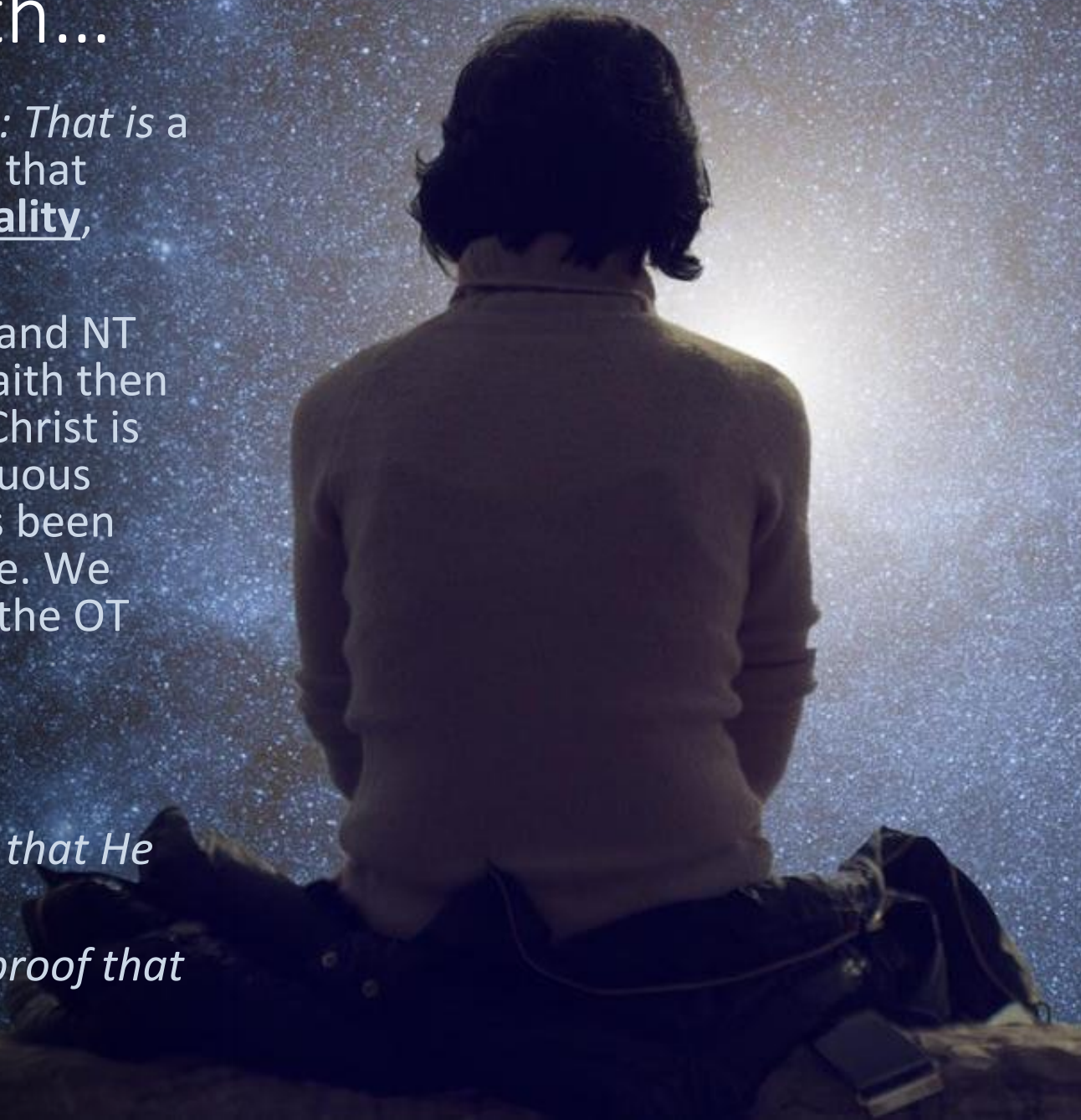
Substance- ὑπόστασις (hupostasis) *hoop-os'-tas-is*: That is a structure or a foundation. Substance or real being that which has actual existence. **Having substantial quality**, reality of being. Resolute, firm, trust assurance.

Of things hoped for- One in the same for both OT and NT saints. Christ. The foundational hope of all men. Faith then by extension is the acceptance of the reality that Christ is the foundation of your salvation. Not some ambiguous feeling, word or ceremony. Faith is and always has been understanding that without Christ there is no Hope. We have the hope of his return in the second advent, the OT saints had the hope of his first.

Evidence- ἔλεγχος (elegchos) *el'-eng-khos* : *proof, conviction.*

Of things not seen- Of the existence of God and all that He has done.

Our faith in the reality of Christ is the evidence or proof that God does indeed exist and is substantial.



So begins the list... Heb. 11:4-38 (All Examples of faith having a Substantial Quality)

Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, Abraham again, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses (twice), Israel (When the walls of Jericho fell), Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthae, David, Samuel and the Prophets.

All of which... Subdued Kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, made strong in weakness, waxed valiant in fight, turned their enemies to flight, the dead were raised.

Others endured torture, refused deliverance. Still some endured cruelty and imprisonment.

Heb 11:37-38 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; (38) (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

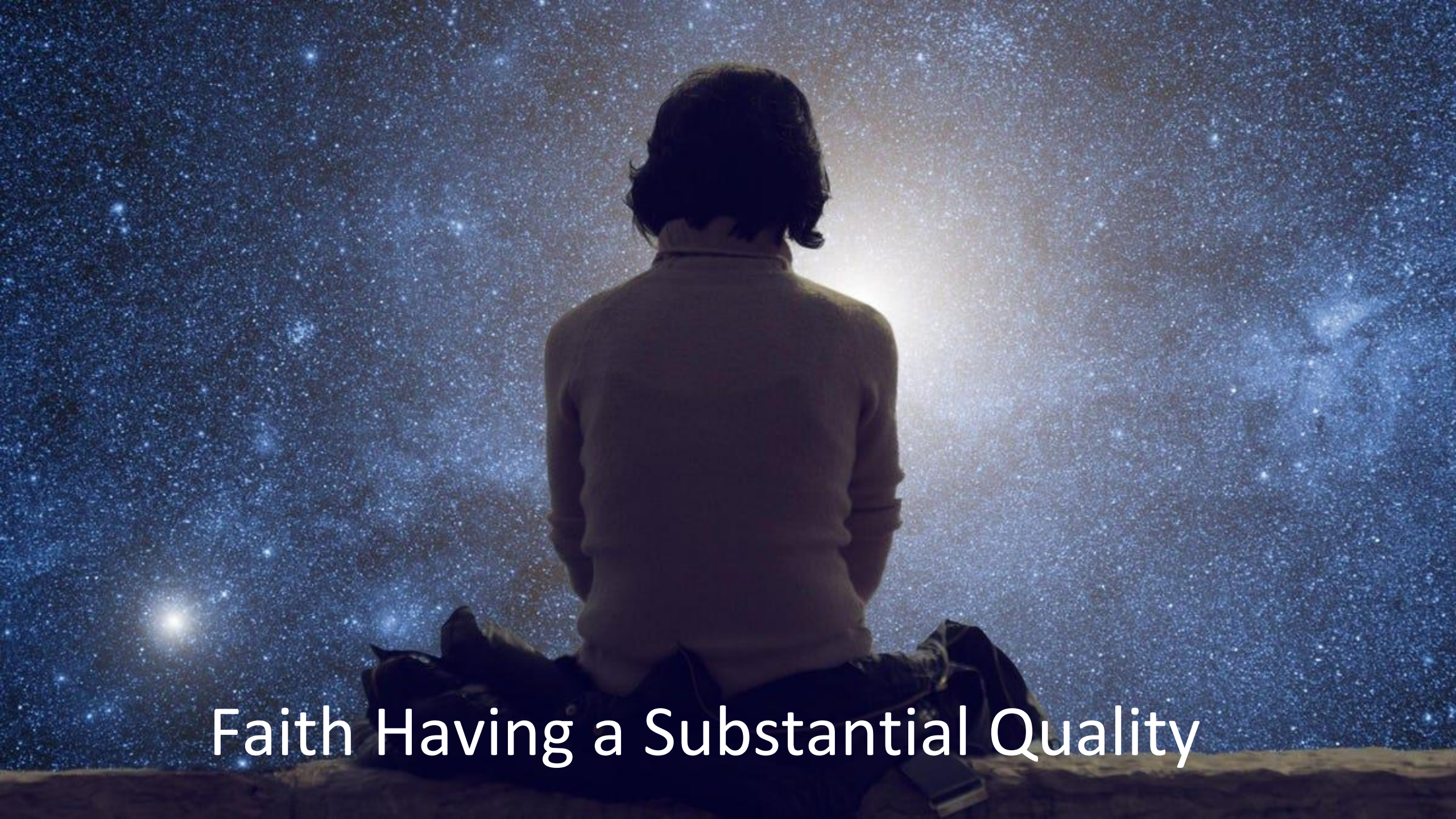
And these all..

- Heb 11:39-40 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: (Of the coming of Christ, not the land or the covenant with Abraham) (40) God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. (Not that they cannot be saved without us, but they were made perfect without us, or in the same manner, not differently).



The Foundation of ALL is and has always been Christ.





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