

Initial Observations:

*People are people, nothing more.
God is God, nothing less.*

WHAT IS FAITH?

The faith that is genuine and real, that is commendable and rewardable and pleasing to God—*indeed the faith that will ultimately save the soul*—is a deep, whole-person trust in the invisible God that enables His true people to remain faithful to Him through every circumstance of life and to take great risks in obedience to Him, *and just like His Son Jesus* to persevere all the way to the finish line, confident that we too will receive our promised future reward as we fix our gaze and keep our sights set on Him, our Great Pace-Setting, Hardship-Enduring, Race-Winning, Reward-Obtaining Pioneer and Perfecter of our Faith.

**FIVE EXPRESSIONS OF COMMENDABLE, REWARDED,
GOD-PLEASING FAITH**

1. Confident Assurance in the Face of the Invisible, like _____
2. Continual Seeking in the Face of the Impossible, like _____
3. Complete Reliance in the Face of the Intangible, like _____
4. Courageous Obedience in the Face of the Incomprehensible, like _____
5. Continuing Perseverance in the Face of the Intolerable, like _____

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 *For we live by faith, not by sight.*