

in Him who works all things together for good to them that believe in Christ, to those who are the called according to His ~~pro~~ purpose. We read in Heb./<sup>11</sup>11 that Moses endured as seeming Him that is invisible. Do we have faith not in ideas that have been given to us in classes, or have been imbibed from our parents or from the general atmosphere" Do we have faith not in what is looked upon as good by our fellow students but faith in the Al mighty God. Do we see Him who is invisible?

Some people think of Christianity as a matter of balancing accounts. I make a mistake. I do something bad. I do something else that is good. I am expected to carry out certain commands. I do this the best I can. I am very upset if I make a mistake or fail to carry out one of these commands. God is watching every step and keeping record on me. Am I living such a life as is satisfactory to Him? This is not the faith taught in the Bible.

If we have truly taken Christ as Saviour we are children of a loving Father who is watching us learning to step forward with confidence. When we make a mistake He is sorrowful but He rejoices when we get to our feet again and toddle forward. He is grieved at our mistakes, but rejoices at our victories. How easy it is for us to comparing be ~~comparing~~ ourselves with others and seeing whether ~~zh~~ we are better or worse Christians than they are. That is not the faith. The faith is in seeing Him who is invisible, not in looking at others. They may fail. They may ~~mayz~~ succeed. That is not our primary function. Our function is so to live and so to act that God will see that we are moving forward and will rejoice in it and that we will take advantage of His strength to go forward as He desires us to do. How are we to know what God wants us to do? Faith is not setting up a series of dos and don'ts from what other people say or what we imagine or what we have heard our parents say. Faith is studying the Bible to determine God's will and endeavoring to follow it.

Take this matter of faith. Probably the verse most quoted is Heb. 11:1 = "Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." What does this word substance mean? Just what does this verse mean? I doubt if many people could ~~satz-~~ say, but the fact is that the Old English does not contain a meaning to us at all ~~at~~ today. Substance is a literal translation of hupostasis. It is the thing upon which it stands. Faith is the substance of things hoped for.