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Where to put your questions:

1. Secret Things - The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. (Deut. 29:29 ESV)
2. Essential Things - ¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel... ³ Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,... ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (1 Cor. 15:1-4, 17 ESV)
3. Intramural Things - "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2 ESV)
4. Tension - ¹ Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Heb. 11:1-3 ESV)

Substance [hypostasis] = the essential substructure upon which faith, is built. Faith is not built on a feeling but rather built upon a substance that doesn't change with our circumstances.

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