

The Faithfulness of God 3/1/03

Faithful - 0539 'aman {aw-man'} a primitive root; TWOT - 116; v AV - believe 44, assurance 1, faithful 20, sure 11, established 7, trust 5, verified 3, steadfast 2, continuance 2, father 2, bring up 4, nurse 2, be nursed 1, surely be 1, stand fast 1, fail 1, trusty 1; 108 to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish. Please notice how many time this same word ('aman) is used for believe, showing the deeper meaning of both words compared to the English usage.

Faithful - 0571 'emeth {eh'-meth} contracted from 0539; TWOT - 116k AV - truth 92, true 18, truly 7, right 3, faithfully 2, assured 1, assuredly 1, establishment 1, faithful 1, sure 1, verity 1; 127 n f 1 firmness, faithfulness, truth 1a) sureness, reliability 1b) stability, continuance 1c) faithfulness, reliability 1d) truth.

Faithful - 4103 pistos {pis-tos'} from 3982; TDNT - 6:174,849; adj AV - faithful 53, believe 6, believing 2, true 2, faithfully 1, believer 1, sure 1; not tr 1; 67 1) trusty, faithful 1a) of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties.

Faith - 4102 pistis {pis'-tis} from 3982; TDNT - 6:174,849; n f AV - faith 239, assurance 1, believe + 1537 1, belief 1, them that believe 1, fidelity 1; 244 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

Faithful - 3982 peitho {pi'-tho} a primary verb; TDNT - 6:1,818; v AV - persuade 22, trust 8, obey 7, have confidence 6, believe 3, be confident 2, misc 7; 55 1) persuade 1a) to persuade, i.e. to induce one by words to believe 1b) to make friends of, to win one's favour, gain one's good will, or to seek to win one, strive to please one.

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Faith - 0529 'emuwn {ay-moon'} from 0539; TWOT - 116d; n m AV - faithful 3, truth 1, faith 1; 5 1) faithfulness, trusting

Faith - 0530 'emuwnah {em-oo-naw'} or (shortened) 'emunah {em-oo-naw'} from 0529; TWOT - 116e; n f AV - faithfulness 18, truth 13, faithfully 5, office 5, faithful 3, faith 1, stability 1, steady 1, truly 1, verily 1; 49 1) firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness

Little Faith - 3640 oligopistos {ol-ig-op'-is-tos} from 3641 and 4102; TDNT - 6:174,849; n f AV - of little faith 5; 5 1) of little faith, trusting too little

***Deut. 7: 8, 9** 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he [is] God, the **faithful (539)** (to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish) God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. When a covenant is broken it is because of man not attending to his obligation in this matter. Man once again has turned to his own devices. God however is always faithful.

Deut. 32: 20,21 22 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end [shall be]: for they [are] a very froward generation, children in whom [is] no **faith (529)**. 21 They have moved me to jealousy with [that which is] not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with [those which are] not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. God makes His promise for the Gentiles.

Haba. 2: 4 Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his **faith (530)**.

Nehe. 9: 7,8 7 Thou [art] the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; 8 And foundest his heart **faithful (539)** before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give [it, I say], to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou [art] righteous.

Pro. 14: 5 A **faithful (229)** witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

Pro. 28: 20 A **faithful (530)** man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Dan. 6: 4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he [was] **faithful, (540)** neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Matt. 6: 30, 31 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, [shall he] not much more [clothe] you, O ye of little **faith (3640)**? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed.

Matt. 8:10 When Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great **faith (4102)**, no, not in Israel.

Matt. 8: 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little **faith (3640)**?

Matt. 9: 2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their **faith (4102)** said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Matt. 9: 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy **faith (4102)** hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matt. 9: 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your **faith (4102)** be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See [that] no man know [it].

Matt. 14: 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little **faith (3640)**, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Matt. 15: 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great [is] thy **faith (4102)**: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matt. 16: 8,9 8 [Which] when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little **faith (3640)**, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? 9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

Matt. 17: 19-21 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have **faith (4102)** as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matt. 21: 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have **faith (4102)**, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this [which is done] to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

Matt. 24: 45-47 45 Who then is a **faithful (4103)** and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Matt. 25: 20-23 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, [thou] good and **faithful (4103)** servant: thou hast been **faithful (4103)** over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and **faithful (4103)** servant; thou hast been **faithful (4103)** over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Acts 6: 5, 8 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of **faith (4102)** and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 8 And Stephen, full of **faith (4102)** and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Acts 14: 8-10 8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: 9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had **faith (4102)** to be healed, 10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Acts 14: 27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of **faith (4102)** unto the Gentiles.

Acts 15: 8, 9 8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as [he did] unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by **faith (4102)**.

Acts 26: 18 To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them, which are sanctified by **faith (4102)** that is in me.

***Rom. 4: 5** But to him that worketh not, but believeth (to trust in Jesus or God as able to aid either in obtaining or in doing something: **saving faith**) on him that justifieth the ungodly, his **faith (4102)** is counted for righteousness. Let's look at **Gen. 15:6** And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. **Gen. 22:1-19** explains how Abraham put his faith into action and offered his son. There is much debate between what James and Paul say

about faith and works. **James 2:24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by **faith** only. Scofield's Notes on- Roma 4:2 These are two aspects of one truth. Paul speaks of that which justifies man before God, viz.: faith alone, wholly apart from works; James speaks of the proof before men, that he who professes to have justifying faith really has it. Paul speaks of what God sees--faith; James of what men see--works, as the visible evidence of faith.

Rom. 5:1, 2 1 Therefore being justified (to render righteous or such he ought to be) by **faith (4102)**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by **faith (4102)** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom. 9: 30-31 30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of **faith (4102)**. 31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Wherefore? Because [they sought it] not by **faith (4102)**, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Rom. 10: 8, 9 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of **faith (4102)**, which we preach; 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

Rom. 11: 19-21 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by **faith (4102)**. Be not highminded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, [take heed] lest he also spare not thee. **The Jewish nation was cut off in a sense that they had rejected Messiah. The Gentiles need to beware not to think they are beyond being cut off if any of them reject either the Messiah or the word of God.**

Rom. 12: 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of **faith (4102)**. *The measure of faith. * That measure of faith, which would enable one to exercise spiritual gifts. The verses that follow show that this is Paul's meaning. It is not the ordinary faith that saves the soul, but the extraordinary faith, which was accompanied in the first century by supernatural gifts, that is meant. We can see this in the following verses.

Rom. 14: 1 Him that is weak in the **faith (4102)** receive ye, [but] not to doubtful disputations.

1 Cor. 1: 8, 9 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, [that ye may be] blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God [is] **faithful (4103)**, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Cor. 4: 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found **faithful (4103)**. How can one be found faithful? Is it just to say I have faith or is he actually doing the things of the lord?

1 Cor. 10: 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] **faithful (4103)**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]. It is God who knows how much we can bear. In the case of trials in order to grow He will take us beyond what we think we are able to bear every time to prove to us that we are growing and in His strength. If trials always stopped at the point we wanted them to stop as soon as things got uncomfortable we would want them to stop.

1 Cor. 12: 6-10 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another **faith (4102)** by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1 Cor. 13: 2 And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all **faith (4102)**, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1 Cor. 15: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your **faith (4102)** [is] also vain.

2 Cor. 5: 7 (For we walk by **faith (4102)**, not by sight:) When we start walking without faith God will act.

2 Cor. 13: 5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the **faith (4102)**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

***Gal. 2: 16, 17** 16 Knowing that a man is not justified (to render righteous or such he ought to be) by the works of the law, but by the faith (4102) of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith (4102) of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, [is] therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Gal. 2: 20, 21 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith (4102) of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not

frustrate (to thwart the efficacy of anything, nullify, make void, frustrate to reject, to refuse, to slight) the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Gal. 3:1-5 1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of **faith (4102)**? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if [it be] yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, [doeth he it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of **faith (4102)**? By the hearing of faith is the true gospel being preached.

Gal. 3: 7-12 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of **faith (4102)**, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through **faith (4102)**, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of **faith (4102)** are blessed with **faithful (4103)** Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that continueth not in all things, which are written in the book of the law to do them. 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 (4102). 12 And the law is not of **faith (4102)**: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

?? **Gal. 5: 22,23** 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith (4102)**, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Eph. 2: 8-10 8 For by **grace are ye saved** through **faith (4102)**; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Eph. 6: 16 Above all, taking the shield of **faith (4102)**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. True Faith protects us.

Eph. 6: 21 But that ye also may know my affairs, [and] how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and **faithful (4103)** minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things.

1 Thess 1: 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of **faith (4102)**, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the **faith (4102)** (conviction of the truth of anything), giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; I believe these falling away to be of the ones who were not of the disciples in the first place. Some who have said they had faith with no works.

2 Thess. 3: 2-5 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all [men] have not **faith (4102)**. 3 But the Lord is **faithful (4103)**, who shall stablish you, and keep [you] from evil. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things, which we command you. 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

1 Tim. 1: 12-15 12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me **faithful (4103)**, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did [it] ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with **faith (4102)** and love, which is in Christ Jesus. 15 This [is] a **faithful (4103)** saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. This scripture does not imply select sinners, but sinners in general.

Titus 3: 8 [This is] a **faithful (4103)** saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Heb. 10: 22-24 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of **faith (4102)**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of [our] **faith (4102)** without wavering; (for he [is] **faithful (4103)** that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Heb. 11: 11 Through **faith (4102)** also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him **faithful (4103)** who had promised.

James 1: 3-8 3 Knowing [this], that the trying of your **faith (4102)** worketh patience. 4 But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in **faith (4102)**, nothing

wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.

***James 2: 16-26** 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be [ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit? 17 Even so **faith (4102)**, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast **faith (4102)**, and I have works: shew me thy **faith (4102)** without thy works, and I will shew thee my **faith (4102)** by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith (4102)** without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how **faith (4102)** wrought with his works, and by works was **faith (4102)** made perfect (complete)? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by **faith (4102)** only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent [them] out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith (4102)** without works is dead also. Both Abraham and Rahab completed their faith by doing what God said to do.

1 Pet. 1: 9 Receiving the end of your **faith (4102)**, [even] the salvation of [your] souls The end result of faith it to be in the presence of God, and have the word fulfilled.

***2 Pet. 1: 4-11** 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your **faith (4102)** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure (stable, fast, firm) for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we have seen in the study of other attributes is evident in the salvation of a true believer.

1 John 1: 9 If we confess our sins, he is **faithful (4103)** and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Rev. 2: 10 Fear none of those things, which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast [some] of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful (4103) unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. **Remember John 12: 25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.