

# THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

*A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.*

## FAITH

*The Hebrew word for "faith" is "to believe & obey". Another meaning is "to pull a rope tight between two objects".*

1. Do you remember what you put your faith in Christ for the forgiveness of your sins? When was that? \_\_\_\_\_

*When you put your faith in Christ, that rope was tied between you and God. That rope can never be disconnected - never, never!!*

*The word "faith" only appears two times in the Old Testament. I'm not kidding.*

*Deuteronomy 32:20 (Even after the One True God delivered ISRAEL from Egyptian bondage, they worshipped idols), so God said, "I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end will be, for they are a perverse generation (children in whom is no faith)".*

*Habakkuk 2:4 (Speaking of the BABYLONIAN people) God said to the prophet Habakkuk, "Behold the proud people of Babylon; their spiritual life is not righteous, BUT, the just shall live by faith."*


2. Who are the two groups of people who DO NOT have faith?
  - a. Deut. 32:20 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Hab. 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

*These verses just proved Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned & fallen short of the glory (righteousness) of God." Jews and non-Jews = the whole world & humanity forever.*

3. You and I, along with all of humanity, need faith to please & be accepted by God. Write out Hebrews 11:6. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Old Testament writers liked to use practical words to describe this "faith" in God.*

4. Match the verse with the word that means "faith".
  - a. Proverbs 28:1 \_\_\_\_\_ My soul trusts in the Lord
  - b. Proverbs 14:26 \_\_\_\_\_ My hope is in the Lord
  - c. Psalm 57:1a \_\_\_\_\_ I have a strong confidence in God
  - d. Psalm 57:1b \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord is my shelter
  - e. Psalm 61:3 \_\_\_\_\_ I have a boldness toward the Lord
  - f. Jeremiah 17:7 \_\_\_\_\_ I will make God my refuge

*Faith = a trusting confidence and hope that God is my shelter and security:  
From - the penalty for sin  To - Protection for a righteous life*

The **Greek word for "faith"** = "that tight rope of **assurance** and **expectation** that proves you are a **believer** who **trusts** God for everything, and who is **persuaded** with a strong **conviction** that God through Jesus Christ is the answer for my past, present, & future.

Let's look at "faith" through the New Testament writers.

5. Match the verse with the term describing "faith".

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|-------------------|-----|---|
| a. 1 Timothy 4:10 | ___ | I <b>truthfully search for and follow after</b> God |
| b. Hebrews 10:39  | ___ | I have a <b>hope</b> in God                         |
| c. Acts 17:31     | ___ | I <b>believe</b> totally that Jesus is my Savior    |
| d. Proverbs 12:22 | ___ | I put my <b>trust</b> in God                        |
| e. 1 Peter 3:15   | ___ | I have <b>assurance</b> in my heart toward God      |

So far, we have been talking about the **first step of faith**.

- a. Putting your trust in Christ) - the day you became a Christian.

Now, let's move on to the **second step of faith**

- a. Putting your trust in Christ again - all the days since becoming a Christian.

**Remember that rope can never be broken? Well, the rope can be stretched as we disobey God, live very ungodly lives, ask forgiveness, sin some more, etc.**

The faith of each person will differ in maturity & growth. It's a process.

6. Match the verse with the condition of the faith in the person. (Exercise #1)

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|-------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| a. Matthew 6:30   | ___ | A life being strengthened everyday    | ("No")        |
| b. Matthew 8:10   | ___ | A trust in God that is mostly stable  | ("Steadfast") |
| c. Mark 4:40      | ___ | A lack of confidence in God           | ("Little")    |
| d. Acts 6:5       | ___ | A faith being strengthened daily      | ("strong")    |
| e. Romans 4:20    | ___ | A regular life of maturity            | ("Full of")   |
| f. Colossians 2:5 | ___ | An above-average life of trust in God | ("great")     |

7. Match the verse with the condition of the faith in the person. (Exercise #2)

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|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| a. 2 Thess. 1:3   | ___ | A life of faith that is out-spoken  | ("bold")    |
| b. 1 Timothy 1:5  | ___ | A life of faith that is influential | ("rich")    |
| c. 1 Timothy 3:13 | ___ | A trust that is good & increasing   | ("growing") |
| d. Titus 1:13     | ___ | A person who is true & real         | ("sound")   |
| e. James 1:6      | ___ | A person who makes clear decisions  | ("waving")  |
| f. James 2:5      | ___ | A person who is not a proud fake    | ("sincere") |

8. What kind of faith do you have in your daily living most of the time? Pick two from the lists above. Underline the description. Explain why you picked these two.

a. #1: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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