

Faith

What Is Faith?





A Definition of Faith

- PISTIS (πίστις), primarily, firm persuasion, a conviction based upon hearing (akin to *peithō*, to persuade), is used in the New Testament always of faith in God or Christ, or things spiritual.
 - Vine, W., & F. Bruce. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*. Old Tappan NJ: Revell, 1981; Published in electronic form by Logos Research Systems, 1996.
- This is the noun corresponding to the verb “believe.” The Hebrew *ēmûn* has primarily the sense of faithfulness or trustworthiness, and *ēmûnâ* normally refers to the faithfulness of God, though it can be used of man’s response (Habakkuk 2:4).

Faith Is In What We Do Not See



- Who believes Spain is a real country?
- Who believes gravity is a real force?
- Hebrews 11:1 ~ Faith means we are assured and confident of things we don't see.
- John 20:24-29 ~ Thomas would not believe unless he saw, but Jesus said blessed are they who believe but have not seen.



God Furnished The Faith

- Acts 17:30-31 ~ God furnished the “faith” for us to believe.
- Jude 3 ~ The faith was once for all delivered
- Hebrews 12:2 ~ Jesus is the founder of faith
- Ephesians 2:8 ~ Faith is the gift of God
- John 20:3; 2Tim 3:15 ~ The Scriptures are designed to produce faith in us
- John 17:20; Rom 10:14-17 ~ The preaching of the word of God also is meant to produce faith.
- 2Thess 2:15 ~ The spoken or written word of the apostles and prophets were the same.



The Objects of Our Faith

- God
 - John 14:1
- Christ
 - John 6:29; Ac 20:21
- Writings of Moses
 - John 5:46; Ac 24:14
- Writings of the prophets
 - 2Ch 20:20; Ac 26:27
- The gospel
 - Mark 1:15
- Promises of God
 - Rom 4:21; Heb 11:13