

# FAITH

## NATURE OF FAITH:

1. A fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22  
Same word as faithfulness
2. A work of God: John 6:29  
That you believe  
The thing that will be acceptable to God  
Faith includes all the works God requires
3. A gift of God: Ephesians 2:8  
This verse relates to 2:5  
Grace is God's part – faith is ours  
That being the means of salvation on the part of the person saved
4. Comes from the heart: Romans 10:9, 10  
Confessing with the mouth is evidence of faith  
Confess here means to profess  
These verses relate to what is said in Deut. 30:14
5. It is substance of unseen things: Hebrews 11:1  
Is also the definition of faith  
Faith combines assurance and anticipation.  
Faith gives reality or substance to things hoped for  
That which enables us to feel and act as if they were real.

## FAITH RESULTS FROM:

1. Reading Scripture: John 20:30,31  
Through believing (faith) we have life
2. Through preaching: John 17:20

## OBJECTS OF FAITH:

1. God: John 14:1  
Keep on believing in God and Me (Jesus)
2. Jesus: John 20:31  
That you may keep on believing
3. Moses: John 5:46  
If they could believe Him then should believe/have faith in Christ
4. The Gospel: Mark 1:15

5. God's promise: Romans 4:21  
We can have faith in every one of His promises – just as Abraham did and acted upon it.  
Being persuaded: fully assured, most surely believed

### **KINDS OF FAITH:**

1. Saving: Romans 10:9,10
2. Temporary: Luke 8:13  
Because there is no root system established.
3. Intellectual only: James 2:19  
Must come from the heart.  
Trust must be actively involved otherwise not true faith and therefore will not be evidenced in good works
4. Dead: James 2:17,20  
Must have deeds and actions of obedience to back it up  
No action indicates it is dead

### **FAITH DESCRIBES AS:**

1. Boundless: John 11:21-27 (Martha)  
Martha's greeting: a confession of faith  
Verse 26: Jesus asks "Do you believe this?" A proper time to test her own faith.  
Verse 27: Martha gives confession of faith
  - a. He is the Messiah.
  - b. He is the Son of God.
  - c. He was the One Who was to come into the world.
2. Common: Titus 1:4  
Word indicates common/same as Gentile and Jew  
Can be a common bond for all races and classes of people  
Unites us
3. Great: Matthew 8:10 (Centurion)  
Faith here means confidence or belief in His power
4. Holy: Jude 20  
It is pure.
5. Little: Matthew 8:26  
Timidity and fear are hindrances and prevent it from growing.
6. Perfect: James 2:22  
Faith and actions working together.  
By obedience to commands of god, faith made perfect.

7. Precious: 2 Peter 1:1  
Dear, comfortable, delightful, valuable, of great price, of infinite value because of Christ.
8. Small/Little: Matthew 17:20  
Unbelief an obstacle  
Keeps it from growing

### **THE FRUITS OF FAITH:**

1. Forgiveness of sins: Acts 10:43
2. Justified: Acts 13:39  
Freedom from guilt  
Absolved of all charges
3. Not condemned: John 3:18  
To believe on Him is to feel and act according to truth.
4. Freedom from spiritual death: John 11:25,26  
Greek: "shall by no means die forever"
5. Spiritual light: John 12:36,46  
Darkness is dispersed.
6. Eternal life: John 3:15,16
7. Children of God: Adopted: John 1:12  
Gave power: to give authority and ability
8. Access to God: Ephesians 3:12  
Gives confidence to come before Him.  
Boldness and confidence work together to give access.
9. Peace: Romans 5:1  
Peace with God: no hostility between us  
No sin blocking

### **PLACE OF FAITH IN CHRISTIAN'S LIFE:**

1. Live by it: Romans 1:17 (taken from Habakkuk 2:4)
2. Walk in it as Abraham did: Romans 4:12  
Walk in his steps – follow his example
3. Use in prayer: Matthew 2:22  
Not a blank check  
Pray according to His will  
What does not violate His nature  
Must be in harmony with His principles

4. To defeat evil: Ephesians 6:16  
A piece of the armor of God  
Protects other parts of the armor
5. Die in : Hebrews 11:13  
Still believing even though may not have seen the object of their faith.

**OTHER REFERENCES:**

1. Stand firm in it: 1 Corinthians 16:13
2. Continue in it: Acts 14:22  
That it will produce obedience.
3. Excel in it: 2 Corinthians 8:7  
In the full belief of the truth
4. Be grounded in it: Colossians 1:23  
To stay at so you won't be seduced away  
Be "fixed" on the foundation.
5. Hold fast: 1 Timothy 1:19
6. Having the assurance: 2 Timothy 1:12
7. What matters: Galatians 5:6  
Expressing itself through love.