

## Faithfulness

### I. Introduction-

#### A. God's gift to His followers

- The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Gal 2:22
- You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

#### B. Our faithfulness defines our future-

- His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master. Mat 25:21
- The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. Lk 12:46

#### C. The spiritual battle between our flesh and the Holy Spirit in us-

- I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. Gal 5:16

### II. The beauty of faithfulness-

Faithful: steadfast in affection; firm in adherence to promises; true to the facts, to a standard

Unfaithful: not faithful; not adhering to vows or duty; not faithful to marriage vows

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- Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. Eph 5:31
- For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. Isa 54:5
- If we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself. II Tim 2:13
- Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. Rev 19:7

#### A. The faithfulness of God-

- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. <sup>10</sup>For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Ps 57:9

#### 1. God is faithful to each of us-

- This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam 3:21
- The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Jer 31:3

#### 2. God is faithful to forgive our sins-

- If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I Jn 1:7

#### 3. God is faithful to complete His work in us-

- May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. I Thes 5:23
- Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Phil 2:12

### B. The fruit of faithfulness in our lives-

#### 1. We are saved by faith-

- For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:8
- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith. Rom 1:6

#### 2. Our faith empowers our endurance-

- Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:1

### C. Building our faith-

- Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Heb 11:6
- I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Rev 2:3

#### 1. Feed our faith through His word-

- All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Tim 3:16

#### 2. Focus on Jesus-

- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jn 14:6
- Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Mat 7:13

### III The cost of unfaithfulness-

- Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness. Mat 7:21

#### A. Unfaithfulness separates us from God-

- "You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. Ex 20:3

#### B. Unfaithfulness to God is spiritual adultery-

- Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. Eph 5:31
- For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. Isa 54:5
- You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Jam 4:4
- If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Jn 14:15

#### **IV. Resources**

##### **Resources:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/>

<https://www.thebereanall.org>

<https://www.josh.org/>

<https://seanmcdowell.org/>

1. What does the Bible say about faithfulness? | GotQuestions.org

What does the Bible say about faithfulness? Why does the Bible place such a strong emphasis on faithfulness?

URL: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-faithfulness.html>

2. How can I learn to trust in the faithfulness of God? | GotQuestions.org

How can I learn to trust in the faithfulness of God? What does it mean that God is faithful?

URL: <https://www.gotquestions.org/faithfulness-of-God.html>

3. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – What is faithfulness? | GotQuestions.org

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – What is faithfulness? How is faithfulness one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

URL: <https://www.gotquestions.org/fruit-Holy-Spirit-faithfulness.html>

4. What is the meaning of the Hebrew word hesed? | GotQuestions.org

What is the meaning of the Hebrew word hesed? Where does the Hebrew word hesed occur in the Old Testament?

URL: <https://www.gotquestions.org/meaning-of-hesed.html>

5. What does it mean that God's mercies are new every morning? | GotQuestions.org

What does it mean that God's mercies are new every morning? What is the meaning of Lamentations 3:23?

URL: <https://www.gotquestions.org/mercies-new-every-morning.html>

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