



FIRST PRINCIPLES

SCRIPTURE

GOD

FAITH

PRAYER

THE
CHURCH

MISSION

Biblical Faith

Christian Foundations Class #7

False understandings of faith

- Skeptics: faith = belief in God/religion even when there's no evidence for him/it
- Disney: faith = just believe and follow your heart and your dreams will come true
- Shallow Christianity: faith = believe the right things and you'll go to heaven

What is faith?

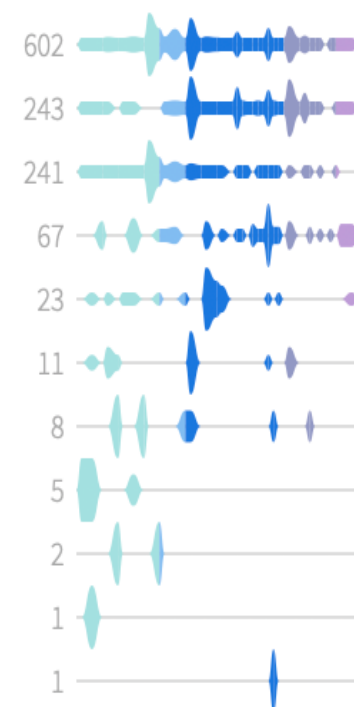
What are some helpful
synonyms for faith?



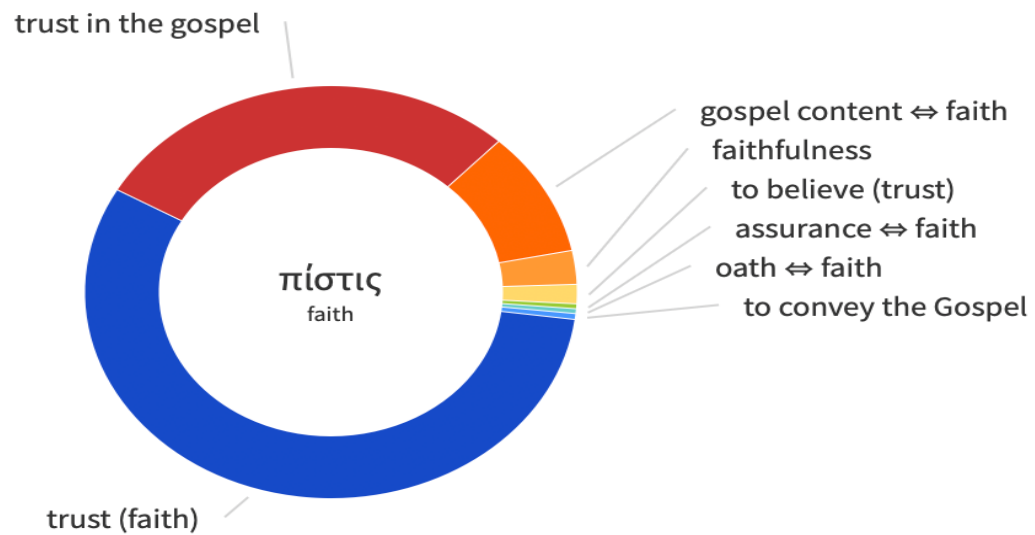
✓ ROOT CSB

✓ πιστευω *pisteuō* believe

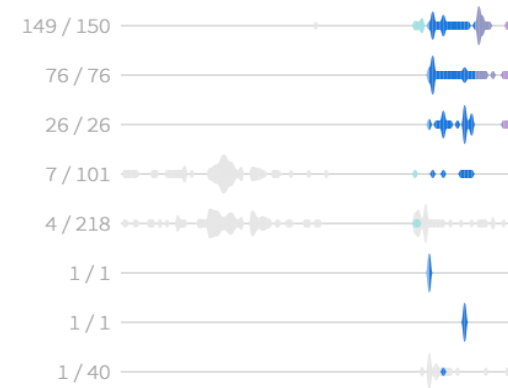
- πίστις *pistis* » faith
- πιστεύω *pisteuō* » believe
- πιστός *pistos* » faithful; reliable; believing
- ἄπιστος *apistos* » unbelieving
- ἄπιστία *apistia* » unbelief
- ἄπιστέω *apisteō* » disbelieve; refuse to believe
- ὀλιγόπιστος *oligopistos* » of little faith
- πιστικός *pistikos* » genuine; unadulterated
- ὀλιγοπιστία *oligopistia* » little faith
- πιστόω *pistoō* » feel confidence; be convinced



✓ SENSES



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¹ Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. ² For by this our ancestors were approved. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible... ⁶ Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

³ Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all.

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Why is faith a necessary
response to grace?

⁸ For you are saved by grace through **faith**, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By one of works? No, on the contrary, by a law of **faith**. ²⁸ For we conclude that a person is justified by **faith** apart from the works of the law.

Romans 3:27-28

Is salvation (faith) an event
or is it something else?

³⁴ Calling the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and the gospel will save it.

¹⁰ Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will experience affliction for ten days. Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will never be harmed by the second death.

Revelation 2:10-11

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, **faithfulness**,
²³ gentleness, and self-control. The
law is not against such things.

Galatians 5:22-23

⁵ You are being guarded by God's power through **faith** for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷ so that the **proven character of your faith**—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, **you love him**; though not seeing him now, you **believe** in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your **faith**, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:5-8

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have **faith** but does not have works? Can such **faith** save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed,” but you don’t give them what the body needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way **faith**, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have **faith**, and I have works.” Show me your **faith** without works, and I will show you **faith** by my works.

How does faith respond to
Jesus being King?

¹⁸Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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Faith is...

- Something you have (Matt. 15:28)
- Something you do (Acts 16:31)
- Something you can be full of (Gal. 5:22)
- Something you can grow in (2 Thess. 1:3)
- Something you hold fast to (Jude 3)

Saving faith encapsulates
fidelity rather than affinity.

Consider how we show love!

cf. John 14:15; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; 1 John 3:14-18;



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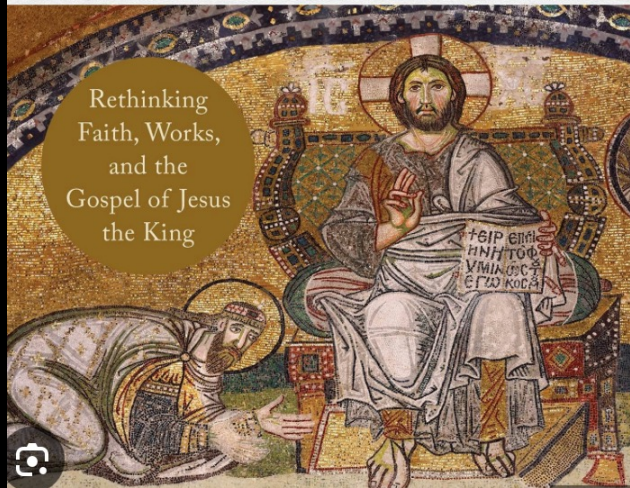


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