

FAITH : pistis ^{^4102^}, primarily, "firm persuasion," a conviction based upon hearing, is used in the NT always of "faith in God or Christ, or things spiritual."

In the New Testament, "faith" covers various levels of personal commitment.

- ✓ Mere intellectual agreement to a truth is illustrated in James 2:19 , where even demons are said to believe that there is one God. Obviously, however, they are not saved by this type of belief.
- ✓ Genuine saving faith is a personal attachment to Christ, best thought of as a combination of two ideas-- reliance on Christ and commitment to Him.
- ✓ Saving faith involves personally depending on the finished work of Christ's sacrifice as the only basis for forgiveness of sin and entrance into heaven.
- ✓ But saving faith is also a personal commitment of one's life to following Christ in obedience to His commands:
 - a. "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" 2 Tim. 1:12

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hearing with the ears is not enough. A person must hear with an open heart and mind, willing to be shown the truth of God. If he does, he will find that the word has the ring of truth, and that the truth is self-authenticating. He will then believe. It should be clear, of course, that the hearing alluded to in this verse does not involve the ears exclusively. The message might be read, for example. So "to hear" means to receive the word by whatever means.

Faith creates TRUST

- I Cor. 2:5 15:14,17 2 Cor. 1:24 Gal. 3:23 Phil. 1:25 2:17 1 Thes. 3:2; 2 Thes. 1:3 3:2
- trust-worthiness, Matt. 23:23 Rom. 3:3,
- the faithfulness of God Gal. 5:22
- faithfulness fidelity Titus 2:10

Metonymy, [*figure of speech in which the name of an object or concept is replaced with a word closely related to*]

what is believed, the contents of belief, [the word of God] the "faith," Acts 6:7 14:22

Gal. 1:23 3:25

- Contrast of Faith Galatians 3:23
- In Association with the Faith of God Galatians 6:10; Phil. 1:27
I Thess. 3:10 Jude 3,20
- Not All men have faith in God 2 Thess. 3:2

A ground for "faith," an assurance, offered faith a pledge of fidelity Acts 17:31

- plighted [cast off] "faith," I Tim. 5:12

A. Faith takes a personal surrender to God *John 1:12*

B. Conduct that is inspired as a result of your surrender unto the Lord *2 Corinthian 5:7*

C. The object of Abraham's "faith" was not God's promise his "faith" rested on God Himself, *Rom. 4:17, 20-21*

Assurance: putis ^4102^, "faith," has the secondary meaning of "an assurance or guarantee,

Acts 17:31; by raising Christ from the dead, God has given "assurance" that the world will be judged by Him

I Tim. 5:12

INSTANCES OF FAITH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. Noah, in building the ark
2. .Abraham, in forsaking the land of his nativity at the command of God
3. .Believing the promise of many descendants
4. .In the offering up of Isaac
5. .Jacob, in blessing Joseph's sons
6. .Joseph, concerning God's providence in his being sold into Egypt, and the final deliverance of Israel
7. .Jochebed, in caring for Moses
8. .Pharaoh's servants, who obeyed the Lord
9. .Moses
10. .In espousing the cause of his people
11. .At the death of Korah
12. .The Israelites
13. .When Aaron declared the mission of himself and Moses
14. .In the battle with the Canaanites
15. .And other conquests
16. Miracles of moses
17. Caleb, in advising to take the land of promise
18. .Rahab, in hospitality to the spies
19. .The spies, sent to reconnoiter Jericho
20. .Conquest of Jericho
21. .Manoah's wife
22. .Hannah
23. .Jonathan, in striking down the Philistines
24. .David, in striking down Goliath
25. .In choosing to fall into the hands of the Almighty for his punishment for counting the people of Israel

26. .In believing God's promise, that his kingdom would be a perpetual kingdom
27. .Elijah, in his controversy with the priest of Baal
28. .Widow of Zarephath in feeding Elijah
29. .Amaziah, in dismissing the Ephraimites in obedience to the command of God, and going alone to battle against the Edomites
30. .Hezekiah
31. .Daniel, in the lions' den
32. .The three Hebrews, who refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's idol
33. .Ninevites, in obeying Jonah
34. .Ezra, in making the journey from Babylon to Jerusalem without a military escort
35. .Joseph, in obeying the vision about Mary and to flee into Egypt
36. .Abel
37. .Eliphaz, in the overruling providence of God, that afflictions are for the good of the righteous
38. .Mordecai, in the deliverance of the Jews

INSTANCES OF FAITH IN CHRIST

1. The wise men from the east.
2. Simeon, when he saw Jesus in the temple courtyard
3. .Peter
4. .Andrew
5. .James and John
6. .The woman with the issue of blood
7. .Jairus, for the healing of his daughter
8. .Two blind men
9. .Blind Bartimaeus and a fellow blind man
10. .The Samaritan leper
11. .The sick people of Gennesaret
12. .Those who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus
13. .The Syrophenician woman

14. .The woman who anointed Jesus' feet
15. .Those who brought those who were sick with palsy
16. .Philip
17. .Nathanael
18. .The Samaritans, who believed
19. .Through the preaching of Jesus
20. .Through the preaching of Philip
21. .The nobleman whose child was sick
22. .The blind man whom Jesus healed on the Sabbath
23. .Mary, the sister of Martha
24. .John the disciple
25. .The disciples, through the miracle at Cana of Galilee
26. .Jews at Jerusalem
27. .About three-thousand people on the day of Pentecost
28. .About five-thousand people
29. .Multitudes
30. .The crippled man at Lystra
31. .Stephen
32. .The Ethiopian eunuch
33. .The people of Lydda and Sharon
34. .The people of Joppa
35. .The people of Antioch
36. .Barnabas
37. .Eunice, Lois, and Timothy
38. .Lydia
39. .The Philippian jailor
40. .Crispus
41. .The Corinthians
42. .Jews at Rome
43. .Ephesians
44. .Colossians

45. .Thessalonians
46. .Philemon
47. .The congregation at Thyatira

TRIAL OF FAITH

1. Temptation of Christ
2. .Noah
3. .Abraham, when commanded to leave his native land and to go where he did not know
4. .Abraham, when commanded to offer Isaac
5. .Moses, when sent to Pharaoh
6. .Moses, at the Red Sea, by the complaints of the people
7. .Joshua and the people of Israel, in the method of taking Jericho
8. .Gideon, when commanded to deliver Israel
9. .Job, by affliction and adversity
10. .Ezra, in leaving Babylon without a military escort
11. .Daniel, when forbidden to pray to Jehovah
12. .The three Hebrews, when commanded to worship the image
13. .The Syrophenician woman
14. .The two blind men who appealed to Jesus for sight
15. .The disciples, when Jesus came walking upon the Sea of Galilee
16. .The disciples
17. .By the question of Jesus, as to who he was
18. .By their inability to cast out the evil spirit from the epileptic boy
19. .In the tempest at sea
20. .Of Philip, when questioned by Jesus as to how the multitude would be fed
21. .Of Peter, when asked whether he loved Jesus