

The Believers Common Friend # 1: FAITH

Matthew 8: 5-13

These things are common to all believers...

The substance of Faith

Faith – only mentioned two times in the Old Testament.

Deuteronomy 32: 20 – In the song of Moses after... Chapter 30 God promises to be constant in their lives and in vs 15 God says to them, **“See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil.”** and in Chapter 31 God appointed Joshua as their new Leader... Moses speaks to the Levite Leaders as he is preparing to leave and he (Moses) begins to sing a new song. In the song he predicts the end of those who have no **Faith – 529** – trustworthiness in the truth that has been given to them...

Habakkuk 2: 4 “Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: **but the just shall live by faith.**” – **530** – Firmness, security, fidelity, stability, steady, truth.

Then the word faith in the New Testament is used 240 times with only two of those words being separate than **4102 (pistis)**.

Luke 12: 28 O ye of little faith – **3640** – Consider the lilies how they grow, they toil not, they spin not and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass which is today in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little **faith.**” – **little belief.**

Hebrews 10: 23 hold fast the profession of your faith – **1680** – “Let us hold fast the **profession of our faith** without wavering; for he is faithful that promised.” 1680 – **hopes, expectations.**

But the other 238 times in the New Testament the word is Faith – 4102 – **Pistis** – being persuaded, belief, implies certain confidences in divine truths.

FAITH – The first of a host of friends: God’s Answer for the Enemy!

John 14: 1 Believe that He is, Believe that He is who He said He is!

Hebrews 11: 6 Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him...

Hebrews 12: 1-2 Faith Is!

Matthew 8: 5-13 First Example (The Centurion)

1. He heard of Jesus
2. His humility before Jesus
3. His Need – for someone else here (vs 6)
4. His claim: “I’m not worthy”
5. He understood authority/Jesus’ Authority and abilities
6. He trusted His Word

Matt. 8: 10 Jesus declared “I have not seen so great faith no not in Israel”

Abraham – Faith First Example

Hebrews 11: 8

Hebrews 11: 11

Hebrews 11: 14

Hebrews 11: 17

Abraham was called / Abraham was tried!

We start at Hebrews 10: 19-39

The writer of the Hebrew letter began to expound on the Faith that is needed to become part of God’s world:

I. Relationship Rediscovered By Faith (Believer) in Who and What He is!

The new Way...

- Having therefore, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus (vs 19)
- By a new and living way (vs 20)
- By the new High Priest (vs 21)
- Let us draw near (vs 22)
- Let us hold fast (vs 23)

II. Relationship Stabilized (vs 23-26)

- Hold fast the profession without wavering (vs 23)
- Consider one another to provoke to love and good works (vs 24)
- Stay in Church (vs 25)
- For if we sin willfully (vs 26)

III. Relationship Warning (vs 28-31)

- He that despised Moses law (vs 28)
- How much more (vs 29)
- The Lord shall judge His people (vs 30)
- It is a fearful thing (vs 31)

IV. Relationship solidified (vs 32-39)

- Call to remember (vs 32-34)
- Cast not away your confidence (vs 35)
- He will come and not tarry (vs 36)
- Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my soul shall have not pleasure in him (vs 38)
- But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition – 684 – ruin (vs 39)
- We are of those who will believe to the saving of the soul (vs 39)

Faith is the Substance – 5287 – Firm confidence / we have hoped for and the evidence (conviction) in the manifested truth even thou they are unseen.

By it we obtain a good report from God! Chapter 11: 1-2