

# What is True Faith?

## Introduction

"Faith" simply means trusting in a trustworthy object.

The Christian's Bible says in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." The reason being, our God, who gave the promises in the Bible, knows everything about everything in the universe from eternity to eternity. Therefore, He does not need to lie. He can always tell the truth and we could always trust His promises. Romans 3:3-4, "True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful? Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say about him, "You will be proved right in what you say, and you will win your case in court."

God says in Hebrews 11:6, "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." Therefore, we need to make sure that our faith is the kind of faith that pleases God.

## True Faith should have a trustworthy object

We don't place our faith in ourselves. To anchor a boat, you don't take the anchor and place it inside the boat itself just because you believe in the anchor.

**When it comes to life and death issues,** we should not place our trust in any man's promises.

- We should anchor or fix our faith in an Unchanging, Everlasting, Trustworthy GOD and His promises.

Because God says in Romans 3:3-4 (NLT), "True, some of them (people in the past) were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful? Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say about him, "You will be proved right in what you say, and you will win your case in court."

God is infinite and immortal who knows all things past, present and future. Hence, we could trust such a trustworthy God to keep all His promises

\* "Though everyone else in the world is a liar, God is not."

- But in the case of men, we are mortal beings, and not Omniscient. We could tell lies, break our promises, and we could change our minds. **Because we are mortal, we will not be able to fulfill our promises ones we die.** Therefore our promises concerning eternity cannot be trusted.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My word remains forever," says Jesus, (Matthew 24:35).

The purpose of faith is to have the solid assurance that the things which God has promised us for which we are eagerly waiting for will surely become reality in His appointed time because we know that our God will surely keep all His promises no matter how many of them there are,

because our God is a Promise Keeping God.

To illustrate: **TRUE FAITH**

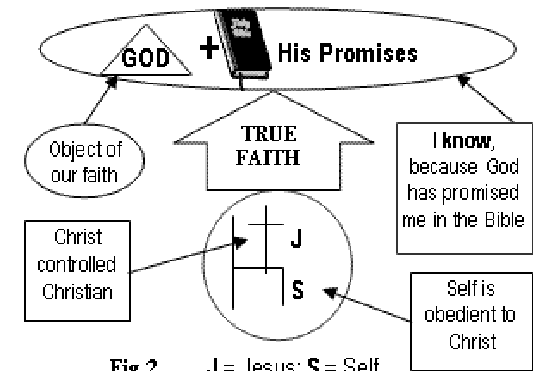
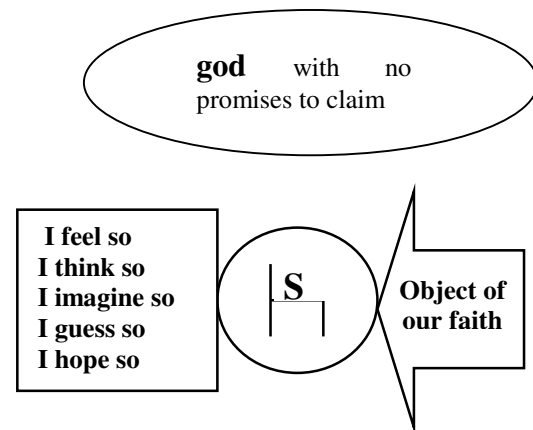


Fig 2 J = Jesus; S = Self

On the other hand, if the gods we worship did not give us any promises for the things we are so eagerly hoping for, such as eternal life with God and with our loved ones in heaven etc., at the end of the day we will be utterly disappointed with no hope at all and with no way to turn around.

To illustrate: **BLIND FAITH**



As I examined the Christian Holy Bible I learned the following:

It says in John 1:3, “He (Jesus) created everything, there is—nothing exists that he didn’t make.” Therefore, JESUS is our CREATOR GOD. All others are creations. As such they depend on the Creator God for their survival; therefore, we should ask ourselves, “Are we worshiping the Creator God or the creations?” Creator God is eternal. Only an eternal Creator God could make eternal promises and fulfill them.

So please think of it seriously and act upon the truth while there is still time for change. Don’t be afraid of what others will say of you or do to you. Even our own loved ones cannot help us, only God could save us.

Jesus said (John 10:30), “I and the Father are one.”

Again the Holy Bible says in 1 John 2:23, “For a person who doesn’t believe in Christ, God’s Son, can’t have God the Father either. But he who has Christ, God’s Son, has God the Father also.”

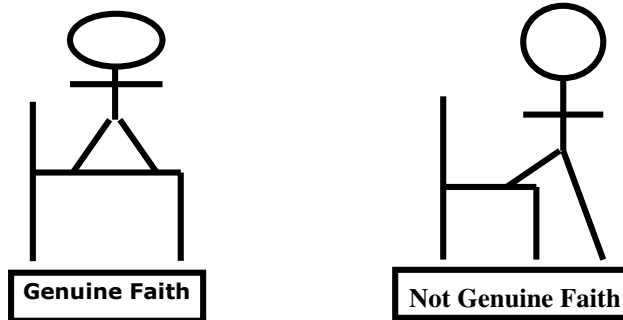
The One and Only Creator, God (Jesus) has given us many promises in the Bible, some of them are: If we trust in Him He will

- Forgive all our sins,
- Give us the right to become children of God,
- Give us eternal life,
- Raise us from the dead,
- Make sure that we get to heaven when we die,
- Give us peace,
- Give us power to overcome temptation,

- Transform our lives into the image of Christ,
- Live within our lives for ever
- and never to leave us nor forsake us, and many more.

**Genuine faith is**, faith that brings about **genuine** changes in attitude and actions. If our faith in Jesus is genuine we will be obedient to His commandments and we will worship Him and Him alone. We will never bow to another god because there is only One true and eternal God. This confirms that your faith is genuine.

**To illustrate further:**



Left Fig above shows that he is willing to stand confidently on the top of the chair demonstrating genuine Faith in the chair.

Right Fig shows that he does not have genuine faith to stand on the chair demonstrating shaky faith.

So it is with our faith in God. We may believe that Jesus is the Son of God, He rose from the dead, He is the only way to God and He will keep all His promises, and yet if we don't take a step of faith to invite Him into your lives and follow His teachings, we show that we don't fully trust Him. But if we take a step of faith and decide to follow

Him alone and live by that commitment for the rest of our lives, then He will remain committed to keep all His promises to you. But if your faith is not genuine, then don't expect Him to honor His promises to you. **He deals with you on the basis of your faith.** Are you ready to make such a solid commitment to Christ? If yes, here is how you could receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Remember God looks at our heart not what we say.

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