

Faith - Developed

The strongest, best established faith is that which is the result of Christian edification – that process by which a believer is rooted and built up in his spiritual life, [COL. 2:6, 7](#). One of the most important results of Christian growth is the progressive increase in the believer's ability to use faith. Several important factors in the development of Christian faith are listed here along with some representative Bible passages.

- Faith requires the continuous intake of truth from the Word of God. "...faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God..." [ROM.10:17](#).
- Faith is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit and requires the control of the Spirit for its function. "...the fruit of the Spirit is...faith..." [GAL.5:22, 23](#); [EPH.5:18](#).
- Faith must be exercised daily by (1) using Faith-Rest principles in day to day living, "*...we who have believed do enter into rest...*" [HEB. 4:1-3](#); and (2) by using Faith Patience in all situations, "*...the testing of your faith worketh patience*", [JAMES 1:3](#).
- **Applied knowledge** overflowing from the human spirit, which refers to all witnessing, requires the exercise of faith. "*...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...*" [EPH. 3:17-20](#).
- Moving towards maturity includes the development of great faith. "*...this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith...*" [1 JOHN 5:4, 5](#); [HEB. 11:6](#).
- Daily occupation with the Lord Jesus Christ "completes" faith. "*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...*" [HEB. 12:2](#).

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➤ Undeserved suffering both tests and strengthens faith. "...*the trial of your faith...*"
1 PETER 1:7, 8.

➤ THE WORD "FAITH" IN THE BIBLE

In the Greek language of the New Testament there are five words which are rendered "*faith*" in the King James Version. They are:

- **pistis**, noun, meaning "faith; faithful; reliable; that which is believed", and, with the definite article, "doctrine"
- **pistos**, adjective, meaning "dependable; inspiring of trust; believing"
- **pisteuo**, verb, meaning "to believe; to be convinced"
- **peitho**, verb, meaning "to obey (in the present tense); to be persuaded (in the aorist); to have confidence (in the perfect); faith (all tenses)"
- **pistoo**, verb, meaning "to show oneself faithful; to feel confidence"

In the Hebrew of the Old Testament there are ten words which are rendered in the King James Version as "*faith*", or as some equivalent idea of belief or trust. They are:

- AHMAN, verb, "to believe without merit"
- EIMOON, noun, "belief; faithfulness"
- EIMOONAH, noun, "truth; steadiness; doctrine; faith"
- AHMEIN, noun, "truth; doctrine"

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- OHMEIN, noun, "faithfulness"
- EMETH, noun, one of the strongest words for truth
- BAHTAK, verb, the Faith Rest verb which was originally a word used by wrestlers for giving someone a body slam. See [PSALM 37:3](#); [91:2](#). It means "to slam your troubles on the Lord", and it means "faith" in the sense of the function of the Faith-Rest principles. This verb is used extensively in the Old Testament.
- KAHSAH, verb, [PSALM 57:1](#), used of a rabbit fleeing from a desert fox and finding refuge in the cleft of the rock where the fox can't reach him. Means "to believe" in the sense of finding refuge in the Word or taking shelter in the Lord.
- YAHKAL, verb, "to trust" in circumstances of pressure or suffering. [JOB 13:15](#); [LAM. 3:21, 24](#).
- KAHWAH, used in the sense of binding or twisting strands of fiber together to make a rope. Threads, which are weak in themselves, are woven together into strength. The meaning is that we are weak and can be broken, but woven into the Lord and His Word, we cannot be broken. [ISA. 40:31](#); [LAM. 3:25](#).