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virtual**DISCIPLEMAKER**

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[BDAG] πίστις (pistis)

1. that which evokes trust and faith

2. state of believing on the basis of the reliability of the one trusted, trust, confidence, faith in the active sense='believing', in ref. to deity

3. that which is believed, body of faith/belief/teaching

A. Faith to be saved from the penalty of sin.

NIV Ephesians 2:8, 9 For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith--** and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

NIV Romans 5:1 Therefore, since **we have been justified through faith**, we {1 Or let us} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we {2 Or let us} rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

B. Faith for healing.

NIV Matthew 9:2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. **When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."**

NIV Matthew 9:22 Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "**your faith has healed you.**" **And the woman was healed from that moment.**

NIV Matthew 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "**According to your faith will it be done to you**"

C. Faith is based not on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

NIV 1 Corinthians 2:5 so that your **faith** might not **rest** on men's wisdom, but **on God's power.**

^{NIV} **John 2:18-22** The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. **Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.**

D. Faith is attempting to do God’s will fully expecting Him to fulfill our attempt with His power.

^{NIV} **2 Thessalonians 1:11** With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and **that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. (Sanctification by faith)**

E. Faith accesses God’s resources.

^{NIV} **Mark 11:22-24 b** “**Have** {22 Some early manuscripts If you have} **faith in God,**” Jesus answered. ²³ “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart **but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him...**”

^{NIV} **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, **I live by faith in the Son of God,** who loved me and gave himself for me.

F. Fear is indicative of no or little faith.

^{NIV} **Luke 8:24, 25** The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we're going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

Faith is how we overcome fear - John 14:1

G. Additional teaching on faith:

- *Basis of faith* - 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17
- *How we grow in faith* - Romans 10:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:3

- *Faith expresses itself through love* - ^{NIV} **Galatians 5:6**, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is **faith expressing itself through love.**”
- *Faith without works is not saving faith* - James 2:14, 17, 26; Romans 1:5
- *Faith is how we gain victory over the world* - 1 John 5:4

^{NIV} **Hebrews 11:1** Now **faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.** Sanctification by faith using the grace of God (2 Corinthians 12:9)

^{NIV} **Revelation 13:10** If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed.

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

We survive and thrive in persecution by faith in God.