

The Fruit from the Spirit

Faith (Gal. 5:22)

I. What is 'faith'?

1. There are no 'degrees' of faith (Mt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; 17:20).
 - 1) During the offered Kingdom from the Heavens there were two different objects of faith: the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom from the Heavens (Mt. 6:30,33).
 - 2) There was no indwelling Holy Spirit, no fruit from the Spirit.
2. The paradigm of promise from God, faith, and hope.
 - 1) **Promise from God** (Heb. 10:23).
 - 2) **Faith** regarding the promise from God.
 - 3) **Hope** regarding the content of the promise (Heb. 10:23; Rom. 8:24).
3. Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is the title-deed of things hoped for, the proof of things which are not being seen"* Kenneth S. Wuest p. 530.
4. Connotations of the word translated "substance" in the KJV: reality, substance, guarantee, proof of ownership.
5. Connotations of the word translated "evidence" in the KJV: legal documented proof, as in a court case.

II. There are multiple uses of faith, but all are the same in quality.

1. Faith for salvation (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
2. A measure of faith given with each spiritual gift (Rom. 12:3).
3. The mystery of the faith (1 Tim. 3:9).
4. The faith as a body of doctrine to overcome the three spiritual enemies (Col. 1:23; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Tit. 1:11-13).
5. The faith signifying New Testament grace truth (2 Tim. 2:7).
6. The spiritual gift of faith (1 Cor. 13:2).
7. Faith to live by, a facet of the fruit from the Spirit.

III. The facet of faith to live by (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38).

1. Faith to overcome the temptations from the flesh (Rom. 6:8, 11; 8:13).
2. Faith to overcome the temptations from Satan (Eph. 6:16; Jam. 4:7).
3. Faith to overcome the temptations from the world system (Tit. 2:12-13).
4. Faith to endure spiritual suffering in the present based on our future (Phil. 2:5-11; 2 Tim. 3:12).