

## FAITHFULNESS.

### GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND HIS FAITHFULNESS IN US.

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#### A. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

1. **Faithfulness means:** reliable, dependable, does a good job, steadfast, consistent, keeps his word, trustworthy, does not let you down, does not give up.
2. **Examples:** (use examples known to you of faithfulness).
3. **Jesus Christ is the "faithful witness"**, *Rev 1:5, 3:14*, His Name is "Faithful and True," *Rev 19:11*.
4. **God is Faithful.** "He is God, the faithful God", *Deut 7:9*. He never fails, He performs His Word, *Num 23:19, Josh 23:14, Ps 36:5*.
5. **God's faithfulness to us:**
  - a. He fulfils His promises to us as we believe and confess them, *Heb 10:23*.
  - b. He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness, *1 Jn 1:9*.
  - c. He makes a way for us to overcome temptation, *1Cor 10:13*.
  - d. He renews His mercy and compassion to us every morning, *Lam 3:22,23*.
  - e. He brings us into full holiness before Him, and preserves us blameless until His coming, *1Thes 5:23,24*.
  - f. He is consistent in His loving, truthful care of us as our shepherd, *2Tim 2:13*.
  - g. The Lord establishes us, immovable in His Son, in the centre of His eternal purpose, *2Thes 3:3, 1Cor 15:58*.
  - h. He guards us from the evil one, *2Thes 3:3, 2Tim 4:18, Ps 91, Ps 23:4*.
  - i. He keeps our soul secure through suffering and trials as we obey Him, *1Pet 4:19*.
6. **God never fails**, *1Cor 13:8*, and He never changes, *Mal 3:6*. His love will always get through to us and He will never leave us or forsake us, *Rom 8:38,39, Josh 1:9, Jer 1:8,19*.

#### B. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN US *3Jn 5*.

1. When we are "born again" we:
  - a. Repent: turn from self and sin to Jesus as our Lord, *Ac 2:38, 3:19, 20:21, 26:20*.
  - b. Believe: that Christ died for our sins and rose again, *Ac 16:31, 1Cor 15:3,4, Jn 3:16,36*.
  - c. Receive: Christ into our lives, to live His life in us, *Jn 1:12, Rev 3:20*.
  - d. Confess: Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, *Rom 10:9, Mat 10:32,33*.
  - e. Baptised: into Christ, *Gal 3:27, Ac 2:38, Rom 6:3*.
2. **Christ lives in us** by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Col 1:27, 1Cor 1:30, Jn 14:23,26, Gal 2:20, Eph 3:16,17*.
3. **God's faithfulness is imparted to us by the Holy Spirit.** God gives us His faithfulness, *Gal 5:22(NKJV)*.

4. **Faithfulness** is a proof of God's life in us.
5. **Faithfulness** is one part of God's love in us, *1Cor 13:8*.
6. **Faithfulness is in three stages, Lk 16:10-12.**
  - a. **In things of everyday life** such as marriage relationships, child care, friendships, discipline and training of children, daily employment, caring for elderly dependants, Bible in schools, Sunday School teaching, *Lk 16:10*.
  - b. **In money matters** such as tithes and offerings, *Mal 3:10*, paying bills, supporting the needy, paying your taxes, *Rom 13:6*, using money wisely for the benefit of every person in the family, *Lk 16:11*.
  - c. **In supporting another man's ministry**, and work for God. If we are faithful to support another man's ministry then the Lord will establish us in our own ministry, *Lk 16:12*.
7. We are the stewards of God in this life and "it is required of stewards that a man be found **faithful**," *1Cor 4:2, Heb 3:2*.
8. In the "Parable of the Talents", *Mat 25:14-30*, God rewarded the servants who received 5 and 2 talents for their **faithfulness**, *v21, v23, Heb 6:10*.
9. At the end of *Mat 24:45-51*, Jesus gives a parable of a faithful servant/ruler, and a careless, unfaithful servant. **The Lord's blessing is upon those who serve faithfully.**
10. Preachers are required to be **faithful** to preach the whole of God's Word, *2Tim 2:2, 2Tim 4:1,2, Ac 20:27*.
11. Believers must be faithful witnesses to Christ before all men, *Mat 10:32, Rev 2:10*. Our salvation depends on this.
12. **Be faithful in prayer**, *Col 1:3*, in the Word, *Ps 119:11*, and in weekly fellowship, *Heb 10:25*.