

Sunday, March 24, 2024—Galatians 5:22 The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 8 (Faith)

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- **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**
- **Faith**—the word rendered “faith” occurs 244 times in 228 verses in the New Testament. It is various translated as follows by the King James translators: faith (239x), assurance (1x), believe (1x), belief (1x), them that believe (1x), fidelity (1x).
- Noah Webster’s American Dictionary of the English Language defines “faith” as follows:
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- “Faith” is an attribute of God. God is a faithful God. He cannot lie and be trusted in everything that he says.
 - Deuteronomy 7:9—“the faithful God”
 - Psalm 36:5
 - Psalm 89:1, 5, 8
 - Psalm 119:75
 - Isaiah 25:1
 - I Corinthians 1:9
- Jesus Christ, God the Son is faithful and can be relied upon and trusted in.
 - Romans 3:22
 - Galatians 2:16
 - Galatians 2:20
 - Galatians 3:14, 22
- As the following screenshot for the OED demonstrates, in its noun form, “faith” is referring to faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty, and trustworthiness.

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Pronunciation: [?] Brit. [/feɪθ/](#), U.S. [/feɪθ/](#)

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Frequency (in current use): ●●●●●●●●

Origin: A borrowing from French. **Etymon:** French *feit*.

Etymology: < Anglo-Norman and Old French *feid, feit, fait* (also Anglo-Norman and Middle French ... [\(Show More\)](#)

A. *n.*

I. The fulfilment of a trust or promise, and related senses.

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a. The quality of fulfilling one's trust or promise; faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty; trustworthiness. Also in **to bear faith:** to be loyal (*to* someone). Now *rare*.

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- In addition, there is an entry in the *OED* for the noun form of faith, “on the faith of.” The phrase means, “in reliance on the security of.”

b. *on the faith of:* in reliance on the security of. [Thesaurus »](#)

[After French *sur la foi de* in reliance on the security of (a treaty, etc.) (1637 in the passage translated in quot. *o1645*; compare Middle French *sur la foi de* (of an oath) in reliance on the word of (a person)).]

- This is exactly what the “faith of Christ” means in this Gal. 2:16, rather than resting on our ability to keep the law, justification is secured by the work of Christ. Our justification is not based upon our faith/belief but upon the “faith of Christ” i.e, Christ’s faithfulness, fidelity, trustworthiness, and security.
 - Matthew 26:36-39—Jesus Christ was faithful in his execution of the eternal purpose. He and He alone secured our justification for us via his activity on our behalf.
- Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of the English Language* defines the preposition “of” “means:
 - “From or out of; proceeding from, as the cause, source, means, author or agent bestowing.”
- The “faith of Christ” is the faith that belongs to Christ. It is a reference to His faithfulness.
 - Romans 3:3
- Galatians 5:22—genuine faith in Christ will result in faithfulness to Christ.
 - II Corinthians 5:7
 - I Corinthians 10:13

- Ephesians 3:12—verse 11 is talking about “Christ Jesus our Lord.” It is through the faith of Christ that we have access to the Father.
- Philemon 5
- Galatians 5:22—as a fruit of the Spirit, “faith” is contrasted with the works of the flesh in verses 19-21. As such I believe “faith” is related relying and trust in sufficiency of Christ and his word to get your needs met and not our own ability, strength, and power.