

The Road to Glory

- Session 8
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- A Bible Study
- Romans 3:21-31

**The righteous man shall live by
faith.**



**What is
FAITH?**

What does faith
motivate you to
do?



The church in Rome



Biblical faith

Four kinds of faith

STEADINESS
 FAITHFULNESS
 FAITHFUL SURENESS
 TRESPASS TREACHEROUSLY
 TRANSGRESS BETRAYAL
 CONFIRM SUPPORT
 FIDELITY TRUTH RELIABILITY
 STEADFASTNESS

Only found in the OT in four places,
 Each place we find in NASB it is a
 different word in Hebrew. There is no
 concept of faith that parallels how it is
 used in the New Testament

Faith in the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 32:51 mât'al

A state of betrayal, to act treacherously,
transgress, commit a trespass

Job 39:12 'âman

to support, confirm, be faithful

Psalms 146:6 'emeth

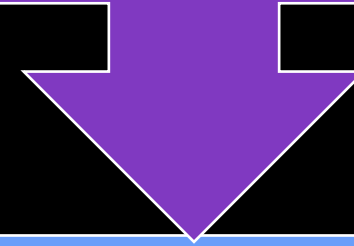
sureness, reliability, truth

Habbakuk 2:4 'ēmûwnâh

firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness

Faith in the New Testament

Faith is the fourth most used
word in the New Testament




487 times it is translated as either faith or
belief

Pistis:
a noun 243
times

Pisteuo:
a verb 244
times

Oligopisos:
Little faith 8
times

Apisteo:
a verb 10
times

A group of people, mostly men, are shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or agreement. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the text. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an indoor setting like a church or a community meeting.

My definition of faith or pistis is a person or group that has a belief that is trusted and motivates action.

Romans 3:27-31 NASB

²⁷ Where then is boasting? It has been excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of **faith**. ²⁸ ^[a]For we maintain that a person is justified by **faith** apart from works ^[b]of the Law. ²⁹ Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since indeed God who will justify the ^[c]circumcised ^[d]by **faith** and the ^[e]uncircumcised through faith is one.

³¹ Do we then nullify ^[f]the Law through **faith**? Far from it! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

What difference does it make if it is a verb or a noun?

- Romans 3:22
- δικαιοσύνη δὲ θεοῦ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, εἰς πάντας τοὺς πιστεύοντας· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶν διαστολή·
- even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

Romans

3:27-31

Simplified

Boasting Faith – excluded
Law of Faith – an absolute
requirement
Justified by Faith – without
works
Faith that establishes – the
law of life.

Next Week - Romans Chapter 4

- Read the text slowly and answer on the back of this page:
 - Isn't God a loving God? How could He have wrath? Is his wrath like ours when we are angry? What is the difference? What is the focus of his wrath?
 - What is the "truth" which the wicked people suppress?
 - Is there any legitimate excuse for not believing in God? Why not?
 - Why would they not honor God although they know in their hearts He is real and true?
 - How can we apply a proper understanding of this passage to gospel sharing?
 - What should our response be when we see the creation of God?