

## **“What is Faith?”**

### **Faith is 2 fold believing and obeying!**

Not just believing, but to be persuaded of to the point of confidence and enough trust to obey Yah's instructions.

When a man obeys Yah he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes Yah.

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##### **Part 1:**

**It's the confidence in Yah that He can do what He says He can do in the bible. It's the confidence in Yeshua that He is the Son of Yah and that He paid your fine for breaking Yah's Law, thus making you righteous before Yah.**

##### **Part 2:**

**Faith is evident or seen by your works or by your obedience to Yah's commandments. By your fruit we will know whether you believe and have faith; or whether you are just giving lip service to Yah.**

##### **Conclusion of Faith:**

**Faith is confidence in Yeshua and Yahweh, and faith is evident through your actions of either obedience or disobedience!**

**Heb.11:1 The assurance of things hoped for** is something that can't be seen; it's in your heart and mind that you believe and have faith and this cannot be seen- for a man can give lip service saying he believes, but by His fruit you will know whether he believes or not!

**The assurance of things hoped for** is the spiritual part of believing or having faith! It's the realm of your confidence that Yah can do what He says he can do to the point that you will obey!

**The evidence of things not seen is your obedience to Torah.** You obey because you believe or have faith in Yeshua. Your obedience is the evidence that you do believe or have faith in Yeshua.

**Vs.2-** by obedience to Yah, even when the odds are stacked against you, you obtain a testimony of the things Yah has done for you. When you live by faith you gain experience in the Kingdom of Yah!

**Vs.4-31** These verses contain testimony of many people who believed and obeyed Yah as a result of their belief. And in many cases the Father acted on their behalf doing great things for them, but in some cases they received not the promises of Yah in this life; however, they looked forward to the eternal rewards and promises in Yah.

**vs.32,33** by faith performed acts of righteousness; by faith they obeyed Yah's instructions.

Faith is believing that the Father can take care of you against all odds, all you have to do is obey Him and do the things he said to do; and don't do the things He said not to do!

Faith is trusting that Yeshua is the son of Yah and that he died for your sins to pay your fine for you with His death.

**The proof or evidence of your faith in Yeshua and Yah is in your works, or your obedience to Him. If you really have faith you will obey Him; if you lack in faith and doubt Him you will disobey Him; although, you may give lip service to Him by telling others you love Him and worship Him.**

**Strong's G4102 from G3982 = pistis; faith; persuasion; belief.** **Vines**= It speaks of fidelity, faithfulness. It describes the character of one who can be relied on.

**Strong's G3982 = pitho = believe; faith;** assurance; convince; persuade; trust, obey; yield. **Vines**= The obedience suggested is not by submission to authority, but resulting from persuasion. Obedience is of the conduct and

may be observed. **When a man obeys God he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes Yah.** The actual outward result of the inward persuasion and consequent faith.

**Strong's H530 = emunah or faith.** Vines = this word has to do with your character; being trustworthy or loyal to Yah's commandments. The first biblical appearance it means to remain in one place or to be in a fixed position. When you are grafted into the Kingdom of Yah- you are in a fixed position; that position being one of obedience to Yah at all costs.

**I Samuel 26:23 "Yah will repay every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness."** The Lord repays the one who demonstrates that he does what Yah demands.

**Hosea 6:4-6** The Father is looking for those who will be loyal, faithful to Him! The Father wants obedience rather than repentance!

**Strong's H2617- khehs-sed = kindness or loyalty. Vines =** This word loyalty can mean kindness, mercy, goodness, faithfulness, devotion. These words interact with each other in the meaning- there is no single English word that can define this word because of its multiplicity in meaning. It is strength, steadfastness, and love suggesting the fulfillment of legal obligation. Yet it goes beyond that as not only a matter of obligation but also of generosity. Not only a matter of loyalty, but also of mercy. It implies personal involvement and commitment in a relationship beyond the rule of law. For example, marriage is a legal matter, and there are legal sanctions for infractions; yet the relationship, if sound, far transcends mere legalities.

**James 2:14-26**

**Vs. 14-** can that faith save you???

**Work= G2041= ergon = work, toil, act, deed, doing**

I personally think this word in the context of which James is using it has to do with obedience! The works James is referring to is the keeping of Torah.

**Vs.17-** faith without works is dead. Having faith or belief in Yah without keeping the commandments of Yah is lip service, or disloyal, or faithless.

**Vs18-** We need to show people our faith by demonstrating our obedience to the commandments of Yah. The proof of your faith is in the evidence of keeping Torah.

**Vs19-** demons shudder because they know Yah exists; yet by their works and deeds or disobedience they deny Yah. Thus their faith is dead, yet they know they will suffer the consequences of disobedience.

**Vs.22** – When you obey Yah, you demonstrate your faith, you will gain experience and your faith grow and your ability to keep Torah will grow.

**Vs.24-** This word justified come from the root word righteousness. There are **2 kinds of righteousness**. One righteousness you cannot earn- it's imputed or given to you through Yeshua. The other righteousness you earn- it comes from Torah obedience. Psalm 119:172 says that keeping the commandments of Yah is righteousness. This is the justification or righteousness James is referring to here. Justified by obedience, and not by faith alone.

So if you go back to verse14- James asks the question- Can that faith without works save you? I would conclude that the answer is No- faith and torah obedience go hand in hand. Torah obedience is the evidence that you have faith in Yah and Yeshua.

**Matthew 7:13-23** You will know people by their fruit. They will either have the fruit of obedience to Yah's commandments which means they have faith and works.

Or they will have the fruit of disobedience to Yah's commandments which means they have faith without works- they will be lawless- they will not keep Torah- and this passage references them to not entering the Kingdom of Yah. They will give lip service to knowing and loving and serving Yah but by their disobedience to His commandments you will be able to discern the truth.

**Matthew 14:31** – the faith Yeshua is talking about here has more to do with believing than works or obedience. However the word I want to look at is doubt.

**Doubt = G1365 – distazo- it means to duplicate or to mentally waiver in opinion. It comes from the root word meaning twice. It's talking about someone being double minded.**

**James 1:2-8** Doubting that Yah can provide and take care of you when you obey Him is a producer of dead works and dead faith. Unbelief is unacceptable to Yah.

**The book of Hebrews has at least 3 warnings, and they all deal with a lack of faith and obedience to Yah's instructions:**

**1. Hebrews 2:1; Hebrews 3:12; Hebrews 4:1,2**

**Hebrews 3:12-19**

**Vs.12- unbelief = G570 = faithless, unbelieving, disobedient**

**Vs.13- deceitfulness of sin= delusion of lawlessness.**

**I John 3:4 tells us sin is lawlessness!**

**Deceitfulness = G539= delusion**

**You can only be deceived when you don't recognize the truth and you think the lie is actually true. For example the church thinks that the law is done away with. They are under a delusion of lawlessness! Trying to convince someone that they believe a lie is the truth- is one of the hardest things you can ever do. It has to be soaked in lots of prayer!**

**Vs.14-** this verse implies that one can lose their salvation by not holding fast or standing firm in our fixed position to obey Yah's instructions.

**Vs.18- disobedient = G544 = unbelief, willfully and perversely disobedient;** someone who defiantly and willfully disobeys Yah after having received knowledge that the Torah is not done away with. Someone who practices lawlessness- this is iniquity.

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1 Peter 1:5 I am protected by the power of Yah by Faith!

Only one thing can fail in this equation. Your faith!

Luke 22 Yeshua prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail!

When we are going through trials, tribulations, temptations, or hard times we often cry out to the Father for help asking him to remove the situation or take care of it some way.

My experience is that the Father never removes the situation from me or me from the situation; rather He gives me the strength to go through the situation.

**Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything the Father requires of me through Yeshua who gives me the strength and the power."**

**Hebrews 13:5b "He will never leave you nor forsake you".**

Be strengthened and encouraged to have faith and believe in Yah and His Son enough to obey Him at all costs!

### **Conclusion:**

Faith is believing and obedience. One thing that will weaken your faith is doubting. We need to be willing to accept the challenges the Father will bring us to in order to test and increase our faith. We need to make sure we are walking in obedience to the Fathers Torah. We need to make sure that we believe, have faith in the Father to provide for our needs when we obey Him; and don't doubt- don't waiver- stand firm in your fixed position

of having your mind made up to obey Yah no matter what. If you don't purpose in your heart to obey Yah, you are setting yourself up for failure to disobey. We need to be loyal to the Father and His Son, not giving lip service and having the outside of the cup looking good by going through the motions; but actually obeying Him at all times.