

God Is What?! (His Attributes)

God, He is Faithful

The title of our series is: God is what

Whatever you say, the what is – is **how** you live your life on earth.

What does it mean – God is faithful

- For us to understand this attribute, we must understand the word, faithful.

Faithful – God is full of **faith**.

Faith – **trust**

- When you put your faith in Christ, you put your **trust** in Christ.
- Look at the word trust – it comes from a word we all understand and know.

The word trust – comes from the first 3 letters: TRU

1. The reason you trust someone is the person is **truthful** or full of **truth**.
 - Actually you trust someone because they are telling you the **truth** or are **truthful**.

With all that – what does it mean that God is faithful?

Answer: The reason I can trust God is because God is full of **truth**.

Faith comes from the word truth – so God is faithful or full of truth.

2. God never has, never will, and cannot **lie**.

Revelation 3:14

When Jesus comes back:

Revelation 19:11

God is faithful and true or truth

Numbers 23:19

- Saying if He **said** it, He will **do** it.

Titus 1:2

Hebrews 6:18

What do we see in these 3 verses?

4. Remember an attribute is **who** God is, not something God **has**.
5. Mohammad said he knew truth, Buddha said he knew truth, but Jesus **is** the Truth.

John 14:6

6. If you want to know the truth, Jesus says **come** to Me because truth is my very **being** – It's who I am.

7. God cannot lie because He is the full **embodiment** and full **perfection** of truth and **zero** errors in Him and I can trust Him.

God is **faithful**.

What is my response to God's faithfulness?

8. Faith is the **correct** response to God's faithfulness.

We all have been given a measure of faith, but some have more faith than others – why:

Answer: Because we have come to the place that we **know** Him, and we **trust** Him and we walked with Him so long, experienced His faithfulness.

9. Trust is a response to **truth**, and faith is a response to **faithfulness**.

Okay – now – what is the definition of faith?

Hebrews 11:1

This is the definition of faith but doesn't tell me how to have faith.

- It says if you have faith, then you will have substance of things hoped for, you will have evidence of that you cannot see.

How do I have faith? What action do I take to have faith?

Look at Hebrews 11:11

Hebrews 11:11a

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age...

Verse 11 continued - "because" tells us how.

Hebrews 11:11b

¹¹ ...because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

How:

- She made a **judgment** about God!
 - * We are not to be judgmental, but you **judge**.

We judge things every day.

Listen closely:

- You and I judge God every day whether He is **faithful** or **unfaithful**.

Whatever you go through, good or bad, how do you judge God is He faithful or unfaithful?

10. There is no **middle** ground – you judge God as faithful or unfaithful.

I'm trying to define faith to you.

- Do you define God as faithful and true because that's who He is

11. The reason people struggle with faith is they don't know **who** God is, faith is basing your belief on **who** He is.

Faith is based on trust (**truth**) and trust is based on **knowledge**.

- You trust people that you **know**.
- We live in a lying, cheating, and stealing world – get to **know** God; get **personal** with Him. He is a Person who never lies, cheats, or steals.

- When you do that, I promise you – faith will **arise**.

* You know why we doubt God's faithfulness?

Answer: Because we think He is like **us**.

God has never had a **bad** thought.

God has never **sinned**.

God has never **lied**.

God is **perfect**, He is **holy**, He is **pure**.

The way to have faith in Him is to get to know Him – if faith is the correct response to God's faithfulness, what is the incorrect response?

Answer: **Fear**