



The Good Fight of Faith!

Part 1

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1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you testified so well to your faith before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge, son Timothy, I put to you, in keeping with the prophecies already made about you, so that by these prophecies you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (Faith) and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust (Faith);

Faith:

אֱמוּנָה אֱמוּנָה

'ěmûnâh 'ěmûnâh

em-oo-naw', em-oo-naw'

Feminine of H529; literally **firmness**; figuratively *security*; **moral fidelity**: - **faith (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man])**, set office, **stability, steady, truly, truth, verily**.

Total KJV occurrences: 49

πίστις

pistis

pis'-tis

From G3982; *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral **conviction** (of *religious truth*, or the **truthfulness of God** or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly **constancy** in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) **truth itself**: - **assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity**.

Total KJV occurrences: 244

What is the “Good Fight”

- The process of faith!
 - It must be fought for, you must see it through to the end.
 - It requires “faithfulness” aka continued perseverance, obedience and belief...
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- Faith is NOT
 - A magic word, if I say the right “phrase” etc...
 - A snap of the fingers or instantaneous
 - Or a magic wand for you to use at your leisure

The Innerworkings of Faith

God said: “*let there be light*” and there was!
Yeshua said: “*be healed*” and the sick were healed!

Even though the command and action was instantaneous, there was a desire and a hope that existed long before the command was given...

The Innerworkings of Faith

Eph 3:1-12 It is a consequence of this that I, Sha'ul, am a prisoner of the Messiah Yeshua on behalf of you Gentiles. I assume that you have heard of the work God in his grace has given me to do for your benefit, and that it was by a revelation that this secret plan was made known to me. I have already written about it briefly, and if you read what I have written, you will grasp how I understand this secret plan concerning the Messiah. In past generations it was not made known to mankind, as the Spirit is now revealing it to his emissaries and prophets, that in union with the Messiah and through the Good News the Gentiles were to be joint heirs, a joint body and joint sharers with the Jews in what God has promised. I became a servant of this Good News by God's gracious gift, which he gave me through the operation of his power. To me, the least important of all God's holy people, was given this privilege of announcing to the Gentiles the Good News of the Messiah's unfathomable riches, and of letting everyone see how this secret plan is going to work out. This plan, kept hidden for ages by God, the Creator of everything, is for the rulers and authorities in heaven to learn, through the existence of the Messianic Community, how many-sided God's wisdom is. This accords with God's age-old purpose, accomplished in the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord. In union with him, through his faithfulness, we have boldness and confidence when we approach God.

- See Deuteronomy 32:21 and Romans 11:11

God has faith:

Mark 11:20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree shriveled from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Yeshua, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree You cursed has shriveled up!” And Yeshua answered, saying to them, “Have faith in God! Amen, I tell you, if someone says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but trusts that what he says is happening, so shall it be for him. For this reason I say to you, whatever you pray and ask, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

- The Greek reads: “*Have the faith of God*”

God has Faith:

Colossians 2:12 you were buried along with him by being immersed (Baptized); and in union with him, you were also raised up along with him by God's faithfulness that worked when He (God) raised Yeshua from the dead.

Hope, Faith & Love:

God has faith, He also has hope! They work together!!!

1Corinthians 13:12-13 For now we see obscurely in a mirror, but then it will be face to face. Now I know partly; then I will know fully, just as God has fully known me. But for now, three things last — faith, hope, love; and the greatest of these is love.

- Hope is the vision
- Faith is the action
- Love is the motive

Hope

Godly Hope is envisioning or desiring an outcome or thing before it happens. Something God planted within you!

Hope in worldly things/desires indicates what we love is out of balance! Born out of the fleshly desires.

The process of Faith - Hope

- The Good News reaching the gentiles didn't come via "snapping the fingers". It came as a hope and desire God had and came to fruition over a long period of time. A long process of a people, a promise, a covenant, a land, a King, a Messiah! Then an offer to the Gentiles as a more complete offer vs the original...
- Read: **Geneses 15:13-16, Exodus 12:41 & Galatians 3:15-18**
- Yah "weh" a contraction of "He was, He is, He will be"
Rev 1:8 "I am the 'A' and the 'Z,' " says Adonai, God of heaven's armies, the One who is, who was and who is coming (Yahweh).

The process of Faith - Hope

Mark 4:26-29 and he said, "the kingdom of god is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. Nights he sleeps, days he's awake; and meanwhile the seeds sprout and grow — how, he doesn't know. By itself the soil produces a crop — first the stalk, then the head, and finally the full grain in the head. But as soon as the crop is ready, the man comes with his sickle, because it's harvest-time."

- Man has faith the God set up the earth to produce. Or the Sower wouldn't sow and there would be no harvest to reap.
- Likewise, we are obedient to His commands and stand in faith knowing the Lord will complete His work!

Hope, the beginning

John 11:1-4 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Miriam and her sister Martha. This was the same Miriam who anointed the Master with perfume and wiped His feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So, the sisters sent a word to Yeshua, saying, “Master, the one you love is sick!” When Yeshua heard this, He said, “This sickness will not end in death. It is for God’s glory, so that Ben-Elohim may be glorified through it.”

- Yeshua saw, envisioned (spiritual perception) and knew that He would resurrect Lazarus from the dead before He did it!
- Hope before faith!
- Hope leads to faith!

Hope, then Faith

John 11:39-43 Yeshua says, “Roll away the stone!” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to Him, “Master, by this time he stinks! He’s been dead for four days!” Yeshua says to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed (pisteuo), you would see the glory of God?” So they rolled away the stone. Yeshua lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me; but because of this crowd standing around I said it, so that they may believe (pisteuo) that You sent Me.” And when He had said this, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

- “*You have heard me*” past tense, then performs the miracle. Hope and Faith working together for the benefit of others faith.
- Note, Hope was the vision, faith then was completed in a spoken word! “*Lazarus come forth*” or “*Let there be Light*” When we have faith (trust/believe) in what God says and proclaim it, it results in Gods will being done! “*Whoever believes in me shall not perish*”
- The Greek “Pisteuo” root is “faith” in Greek “Pisto”

Hope, then Faith

- Yeshua saw the Hope, then faith of what the Father was doing. Then it became His Hope, then faith of what He did.

John 5:19 Therefore Yeshua answered them, “Amen, amen I tell you, the Son cannot do anything by Himself. He can do only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.

- When we hear through the Spirit, its from Yeshua who received it from the Father (Rev 1:1). The word from the Spirit leads us to act (faith) on Gods desires and hopes.

HOPE

Satan's discouragement is meant to crush Gods Hope within you.

It designed for you to lose Hope, then in turn, lose faith which is Gods action.

This is why we “stand in faith” by standing in Gods word and His word through the Spirit to us. Despite current circumstances or obstacles.

Hope

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

- We are designed to look forward to things, when it's a worldly desire, it leads to disappointment.
- When our Hope is based on Heavenly things, we will not be disappointed!

2Cor 4:16-18 This is why we do not lose courage. Though our outer self is heading for decay, our inner self is being renewed daily. For our light and transient troubles are achieving for us an everlasting glory whose weight is beyond description. We concentrate not on what is seen but on what is not seen, since things seen are temporary, but things not seen are eternal.

Our Hope:

1Peter 1:3 Praised be God, Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who, in keeping with his great mercy, has caused us, through the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah from the dead, to be born again to a living hope,

1Peter 1:21 Through him you have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope are in God.

2Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. All that awaits me now is the crown of righteousness which the Lord, "the Righteous Judge," will award to me on that Day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for him to appear.



Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

PART 2 WILL FOLLOW!

