

Trust – Definitions

1. Reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety, etc., of a person or thing; confidence.
2. Confident expectation of something; hope.
3. Confidence in the certainty of future payment for property or goods received; or credit: .
4. A person on whom or thing on which one relies: God is my trust.

It doesn't matter if it is circumcision or water baptism or holiness or any other religious act, trust in anything except Christ voids the saving effects of Christ in our lives.

A simple way to detect what our faith is in, is to imagine ourselves standing before God giving a reason why we should be allowed into heaven. If we pointed out our church attendance, giving receipts, acts of holiness, or anything else, then that is what our faith is in. A person who would do that is no different than a Muslim or a Buddhist. He is trusting in his own effort to produce salvation.

The proper response would be to say, "The only thing that makes me worthy to enter heaven is what Jesus did for me. My total faith and trust is in Jesus." It's not Jesus plus anything.

It is possible to put total faith in Jesus concerning our eternal salvation and yet turn back to the deception that God will only bless us in this life proportionally to our performance. That is not true, and will keep us from experiencing the abundant life Jesus purchased for us.

Practice trusting in God during quiet days so that when storms come your way your trust will be sufficient to see you through. Store up treasures in Heaven by trusting in the Lord. This will keep you in perfect Peace.

Thankful prayers will keep your focus on the Lord's Presence and Promises.

No matter what you have done, God loves you and is eager to forgive you. All you have to do is ask. Nothing is too big for God.

God has done His part by giving His Son, Jesus. His grace has provided everything through the sacrifice of Jesus. This is nearly too good to be true because there is absolutely nothing we can do to earn it and nothing we can do to lose it. Our part is simple: We respond to His grace by faith and appropriate what has already been accomplished.

We see things primarily through 5 senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, and feel). God wants us to see things through Faith. See Hebrews 11 1. We need to operate in the sixth sense of Faith. As we see things through Faith we will begin to operate like God.

We can either accept God's Word or lean onto our own understanding or man's understanding.

God is limited only by His Word. Don't put God in a box. His ways are higher than our ways.

Glory is the goodness of God. God is Love. God has given us all things by Grace (undeserved favor). Faith simply appropriates what God has already proved by Grace. God's Glory trumps the natural. Be kinder than necessary, every one you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Trust Him as your security. Trust Him when things come against you – they need not trouble you, cause you to be anxious, fretful, or upset you. Trust Him as your shield. Let Him be your first line of defense. Nothing can pierce or replace Him. No weapon that is formed against you can prosper when He is your shield. Turn all things over to His strong hands. The battle is the Lord's. The victory is ours as we yield to the Holy Spirit. We are more than conquerors through Christ and the Holy Spirit working through us.

Trust and Obey God is the answer. We are like sheep; we need His love and protection.

Trust Him once again as you have trusted Him before.
He'll show His goodness to you and His faithfulness once more.
Rest in Him your burdens; give Him your care.
When you're in deepest need, just turn, and He'll be there.

Refuse to worry!
Rest in His peace!

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