

## GOD IS FAITHFUL

### **II Timothy 2:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> *This is* a faithful saying:

For if we died with *Him*,  
We shall also live with *Him*.

<sup>12</sup> If we endure,  
We shall also reign with *Him*.

If we deny *Him*,  
He also will deny us.

<sup>13</sup> If we are faithless,  
He remains faithful;  
He cannot deny Himself.

The powerful two letter word  
“if”

v. 11 a faithful saying  
a reliable truth  
You can believe the following statement

#### **I. In Life and Death**

If we die with Him we live with Him

#### **Galatians 2:20**

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

#### **Philippians 1:21**

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain

#### **Matthew 16: 24-25**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

We are sojourners **I Peter 2:11**

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

**Matthew 5:16**

<sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## **II. If we Endure Today We will Reign Tomorrow**

**Psalms 30:5**

<sup>5</sup> For His anger *is but for* a moment,  
His favor *is for* life;  
Weeping may endure for a night,  
But joy *comes* in the morning.

**II Timothy 2:3**

<sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure<sup>[a]</sup> hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

**James 5: 10-11**

<sup>10</sup> My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. <sup>11</sup> Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

**James 1:12**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

When we pass the test we then have a testimony.

## **III. The Power of Our Confession**

**I John 1:9**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Mark 8: 38**

<sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

### **Acts 5: 27-29**

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

### **Matthew 7:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Good character is more important than great giftedness.

### **Romans 10:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*"<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup> For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*"<sup>[b]</sup>

## **IV. He Remains Faithful**

### **Romans 3:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? <sup>4</sup> Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

*" That You may be justified in Your words,  
And may overcome when You are judged."*<sup>[a]</sup>

Faithless – could possibly be the description of an immature believer who lives for oneself and not for the Savior.

### **Hebrews 10:23**

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

**Hebrews 13:5**

<sup>5</sup> *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*<sup>[a]</sup>

A Great example of God's faithfulness

**Luke 22:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said,<sup>[a]</sup> "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren."

<sup>33</sup> But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

<sup>34</sup> Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

**CONCLUSION:**

A characteristic of believers

**Ephesians 1:1**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,  
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

**Colossians 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>[a]</sup>

**I Timothy 1:12**

<sup>12</sup> And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry,

**Revelation 17:14**

<sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."

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## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

### Chores:

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!