

Faith: The Greatest Bargain in the Universe

As we trust God, faith bears fruit within us:

- God declares us completely innocent. (John 3:18; 5:24; Romans 5:1).
- He cleanses our hearts from all sin (Acts 15:9).
- He seals us and protects us as His own (Ephesians 1:13-14).
- He gives us His own boundless, everlasting life (John 3:16).
- God invites us to confidently draw near to Him (Hebrews 10:22).
- He draws us into His deep and endless rest (Hebrews 4:3).
- God satisfies all our hunger and thirst with Himself (John 6:35f; 7:38f).
- He gives us a sure hope even death cannot shake (1 Thessalonians 4:14).
- We rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).
- God roots us deeply in His love (Ephesians 3:17-19).
- God's Holy Spirit grows His character within us (Galatians 5:22-23).

Faith also bears fruit in our daily, outer life:

- God enables us to obey Him (Romans 1:5; 16:26).
- We overcome the evil world in which we live (1 John 5:4-5).
- God is perfecting us by faith (Galatians 3:2, 5).
- We know the truth, and the truth sets us free (John 8:30-32).
- If we lack wisdom, all we have to do is ask God (James 1:5-6).
- All things are possible to us (Mark 9:23).
- We are fabulously wealthy, even when we are poor (James 2:5).
- We rest our physical bodies in the hands of the Great Healer (James 5:14-15).
- We remain confident and calm through every storm of life (Luke 8:25).
- We walk safely, even when we can't see ahead (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- We stand firm, no matter what problems we meet (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Since faith unites us with Jesus Christ, we are one in Him with all believers of every time and place (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 4:5):

- We are children of God and members of His family (John 1:12).
- We are children of Abraham and heirs to all God promised him (Romans 4).
- We are God's holy temple (Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-7).
- God gives us beautiful, life-giving gifts to share with others (Romans 12:3, 6).
- God gives us the great privilege of suffering with Christ (Philippians 1:29).
- Our example of faith is a heritage we pass on to our children and grandchildren (2 Timothy 1:5).

Hymn: [If God Is on Our Side](#)