

BELIEVE
"Be Like Jesus"
Faithfulness

INTRODUCTION:

1. BELIEVE

- a) "Think" like Jesus
- b) "Act" like Jesus
- c) "Be" like Jesus

2. Key Verse: *Galatians 5:22*

3. "**Faithfulness**" is the manifestation of the "fruit of the Spirit" that pertains to LOYALTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS.

- a) Tim Keller defines "**Faithfulness**" as being utterly reliable and true to your word.

I. THE FAITHFUL PROMISES OF GOD

- *Lamentations 3:22-23*
- *Titus 1:1-2*
- **GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES**

1. ETERNAL LIFE

- a) *1 John 2:25*
- b) *1 John 5:13*

2. FORGIVENESS

- a) *1 John 1:9*
- b) *Psalms 103:12*

3. WISDOM

- a) *James 1:5*
- b) *Proverbs 3:5-7*

4. PEACE

- a) *Isaiah 26:3*
- b) *Philippians 4:6*

5. NEEDS

- a) *Philippians 4:19*

6. THE RESURRECTION

a) *1 Thessalonians 4:15-18*

7. EQUIPPING

a) *Hebrews 13:21*

8. PROTECTION

a) *2 Thessalonians 3:3*

9. OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

a) *1 Corinthians 10:13*

b) *James 4:7-10*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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 forever will be.

Refrain:

*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!!!*

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.

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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!

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Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!!!

II. THE FAITHFUL IDENTIFYING MARKERS OF CHRISTIANS

1. Galatians 5:22

a) "But the fruit of the Spirit is...faithfulness".

2. **Question:** Are we faithful to the things of God?

3. 1 Corinthians 4:2

a) "steward" - is a household manager

A. A DEEP PASSION TO GLORIFY GOD

1. 1 Corinthians 10:31

2. John 13:21-30

3. Vs 31

a) "Now is the Son of Man glorified"

b) "and God was glorified in him"

4. God is glorified in the details of the gospel.

5. At the cross every attribute of God was on display.

a) The justice of God

1) Isaiah 53:6

b) The holiness of God

1) Habakkuk 1:13

2) Never did God so manifest His hatred for sin as in the suffering and death of His own Son.

c) The faithfulness of God was displayed on the cross

1) God had promised the world a Savior

2) 1 John 4:10

B. A DESIRE TO LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

1. Vs 34

2. 1 John 3:11

3. Can you imagine what would happen if Christians were faithful to love like Christ loved?

4. Romans 13:8-10

5. Real love is costly, because in order to love there is sacrifice.

C. A DEVOTION TO THE SON OF GOD

1. Vs 36-38

2. Notice four things that made Peter fail the test of faithfulness.

a) He ran his mouth too much.

1) John 13:37

2) Luke 22:31-32

b) He didn't pray enough

1) Luke 22:44-46

2) Notice what Peter wrote years later: 1 Peter 4:7

c) He acted without thinking

1) Luke 22:50

2) God's will is not always easy to accept, but those who are truly loyal will be sensitive to what it is.

3) Peter thought he was helping but was totally oblivious to what God was doing.

d) He followed at a distance

1) Luke 22:54

a) He was a coward

2) Luke 22:55

a) Peter was sitting with the ones who had seized Jesus.

3) Luke 22:56

4) Luke 22:57-62

CONCLUSION:

1. How faithful (loyal) are you?

2. What have you promised Jesus?

- a) You will be committed to learning about Him?
- b) That you would start serving Him?
- c) That you would give Him pre-eminence in your life?
- d) That you would stand boldly for Him in school?

3. Perhaps you boast too much!

Perhaps you pray too little!

Perhaps you act too fast without thinking!

Perhaps you are ashamed of Him!!

4. Psalm 1:1-2