

**Fruit of the Spirit**  
**Part 7 - Faithfulness**  
Galatians 5:22-23

**22** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**,  
**23** gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

**The Greek word translated “faith and faithfulness” is *pistis* and it refers to loyalty,  
trustworthiness, reliability.**

**Faithfulness is bigger than belief; it is allowing that belief to transform you!  
God is faithful!**

**56** *“Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one  
word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. 1 Kings 8:56.*

**How is God faithful?**

**God never changes.**

**17** *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly  
lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

**6** *“I the Lord do not change.” Malachi 3:6*

**8** *“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.*

*“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’*

*“In tithes and offerings. **9** You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing  
me. **10** Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in  
this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour  
out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:8-10*

**God’s love is unfailing.**

**22** *Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail. Lamentations 3:22*

**34** *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34*

**8** *Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8*

**7** *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God...God is love. 1 John 4:7-8*

**6** *Many claim to have unfailing love,  
but a faithful person who can find? Proverbs 20:6*

**75** *Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will  
disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly. Matthew 26:75*

**God keeps His promises.**

**24** *The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24*

**Promises of God in the Old Testament.**

- God promised to bless Abraham and, through his descendants, the whole world (Genesis 12:2–3).
- God promised Israel to be their God and make them His people (Leviticus 26:12–13).
- God promised that if we search for Him we will find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29).
- God promised Israel that their sin could be forgiven, their prosperity restored, and their nation healed (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- God promised blessing for all who will delight themselves in His Word (Psalm 1:1–3).

#### **Promises of God in the New Testament.**

- God promised salvation to all who believe in His Son (Romans 1:16–17).
- God promised that all things will work out for good for His children (Romans 8:28).
- God promised comfort in our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).
- God promised to finish the work He started in us (Philippians 1:6).
- God promised to supply our needs (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19).

#### **Jesus' promises in the Gospels.**

- Jesus promised rest (Matthew 11:28–30).
- Jesus promised abundant life to those who follow Him (John 10:10).
- Jesus promised eternal life to those who trust Him (John 4:14).
- Jesus promised His disciples power from on high (Acts 1:8).
- Jesus promised that He will return for us (John 14:2–3).

**20** *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20*