

1 Thessalonians Series

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Faith Rest
1 Thessalonians 1:8



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THESSALONIANS

THEREFORE, COMFORT ONE
ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS

1 Thess. 1:8, “For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.”

**πίστις *pistis*
nom fem sing faith,
belief, trust; value;
proof**



MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

Byzantium (Istanbul)

MARMARA SEA

Nicaea

Sangarius River

GALATIA

Thessalonica

Amphipolis

Philippi

Neapolis

Apollonia

Berea

Thrace

Smothrace

Lemnos

Troas

Lesbos

Mitylene

Pergamum

ASIA

Sardis

Smyrna

AEGEAN SEA

Chios

Evvoia

Delphi

Athens

Antioch in Pisidia

Iconium

ACHAIA

Corinth

Sparta

Samos

Ephesus

Laodicea

Naxos

Patmos

CARIA

LYCIA

PAMPHYLIA

Perga

Attalia

Lystra

Derbe

CAPPA

C

Tarsus

Rhodes

Crete

Salamis

Cyprus

Paphos

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

0 100 200 Miles

0 100 200 Kilometers

PAUL'S FIRST AND SECOND

**Col. 2:6, “As you therefore have received
Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,”**

Saving faith:

“The simple acknowledgement that what God has said is true, and that what Christ has promised is sure.”

~James Hall Brookes



FAITH: What is it?

Notitia
Assensus
Fiducia

Understanding
Assent, agreement
Belief

***fides* (Latin noun) vs. *pisteuo* (Greek verb)**

“faith”

vs. “believe”

**Medieval
duty, fulfilling one’s
pledge;
Loyalty to a person**

**Mental acceptance of
something as true**

2 Cor. 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; Intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent; Nonlogical; Nonrational; Nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective; Revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

2 Cor. 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

3 John 4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

STEP ONE: Claim a promise

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions

**Psa. 119:89, “Forever, O LORD,
Thy word is settled in heaven.**

**Psa. 119:90, “Thy faithfulness
continues throughout all
generations; Thou didst
establish the earth, and it
stands.”**

Num. 23:19, “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

**Heb. 13:6, “so that we
confidently say, ‘The Lord is
my helper, I will not be afraid.
What shall man do to me?’ ”**

Psa. 60:12, “Through God we shall do valiantly, and it is He who will tread down our adversaries.”

Psa. 37:28, “For the LORD loves justice, and does not forsake His godly ones; they are preserved forever; but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.”

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

**Psa. 22:24, “For He has not despised nor
abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
neither has He hidden His face from him;
but when he cried to Him for help, He
heard.”**

Prov. 1:33, “But he who listens to me shall live securely, and shall be at ease from the dread of evil.”

Psa. 42:11, “Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance, and my God.”

Isa. 43:25, “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”

Psa. 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”