

Our failures cannot cancel God's faithfulness.

When we live by faith God always makes a way out of no way.

2Ti 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Rom 3:1 Then what's the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the ceremony of circumcision?

Rom 3:2 Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God.

Rom 3:3 True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful?

Rom 3:4 Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say about him, "You will be proved right in what you say, and you will win your case in court."

Rom 3:19 Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Christ took our punishment

Rom 3:21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

Rom 3:22 We are made right with God by placing our **faith** in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Rom 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Rom 3:24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Rom 3:25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,

Rom 3:26 for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

Rom 3:27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith.

Rom 3:28 So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Rom 3:29 After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is.

Rom 3:30 There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

Rom 3:31 Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.

pistis

Thayer Definition:

1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it

1a) relating to God

1a1) the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ

1b) relating to Christ

1b1) a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God

1c) the religious beliefs of Christians

1d) belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same

2) fidelity, faithfulness

2a) the character of one who can be relied on

Part of Speech: noun feminine

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from G3982

Rom 4:1 Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God?

Rom 4:2 If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way.

Rom 4:3 For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

Rom 4:4 When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned.

Rom 4:5 But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

Rom 4:6 David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it:

Rom 4:7 "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. (Psalms 32:1-11)

Rom 4:8 Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin."

Rom 4:9 Now, is this blessing only for the Jews, or is it also for uncircumcised Gentiles? Well, we have been saying that Abraham was counted as righteous by God because of his faith.

Rom 4:10 But how did this happen? Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? Clearly, God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised!

Rom 4:11 Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous—even before he was circumcised. So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised. They are counted as righteous because of their faith.

Rom 4:12 And Abraham is also the spiritual father of those who have been circumcised, but only if they have the same kind of faith Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Rom 4:13 Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith.

Rom 4:14 If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless. (Jesus)

Rom 4:15 For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!)

Rom 4:16 So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.

Rom 4:17 That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

Rom 4:18 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!"

Rom 4:19 And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb.

Rom 4:20 Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.

Rom 4:21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.

Rom 4:22 And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous.

Rom 4:23 And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded

Rom 4:24 for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Rom 4:25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

Believe

pisteuō

Thayer Definition:

1) to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in

1a) of the thing believed

1a1) to credit, have confidence

1b) in a moral or religious reference

1b1) used in the NT of the conviction and trust to which a man is impelled by a certain inner and higher prerogative and law of soul

1b2) to trust in Jesus or God as able to aid either in obtaining or in doing something: saving faith

2) to entrust a thing to one, i.e. his fidelity

2a) to be intrusted with a thing

Part of Speech: verb

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charis

Thayer Definition:

1) grace

1a) that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech

2) good will, loving-kindness, favour

2a) of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

3) what is due to grace

3a) the spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace

3b) the token or proof of grace, benefit

3b1) a gift of grace

3b2) benefit, bounty

4) thanks, (for benefits, services, favours), recompense, reward

Part of Speech: noun feminine

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from G5463

Romans 5:17

Rom 5:17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful **grace** and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ

Rom 5:18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

Rom 5:19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

Rom 5:20 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

Rom 8:38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

Rom 8:39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 1:20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Rom 1:21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.

Rom 1:23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

Rom 1:24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies.

Rom 1:25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

Rom 1:26 That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other.

Rom 1:27 And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

Rom 1:28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.

Rom 1:29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.

Rom 1:30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents.

Rom 1:31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.

Rom 1:32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.