

Do You Believe This?

Overview: Faith is our connection to all that God has done for us through Jesus. Faith is expressed through believing – acting on the faith in our hearts. Jesus asked this simple question to Martha after making a profound statement; Do you believe this? (John 11:26) Believing is the actions of the faith in our heart. Hear the Word → hope is born → faith takes root → faith is expressed through believing.

Faith – pistis (G4102) Noun - From [G3982](#); *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity

Believe – pisteuo (G4100) Verb - From [G4102](#); to *have faith* (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, *credit*; by implication to *entrust* (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

A. The Key to the Prayer of Faith is Believing

1. Faith – Expectation of the results
 - a. Have faith in God. Mark 11:22
 - b. Faith is the assurance, the title deed of things hoped for. Heb 11:1 AMPC
 - c. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:1
 - d. Faith is the leaning of entire human personality on God (no plan B). Heb 6:12 AMPC
2. Believing is the action of faith
 - a. Believe the things he says without any doubting in his heart. Mark 11:23
 - b. Believe that you receive when you pray. Mark 11:24
 - c. Abraham believed God, it was accounted unto him as righteousness. Rom 4:3,18-22
 - d. As thou has believed so shall it be done unto you. Matt 8:13
 - e. All things are possible to them that believe. Mark 9:23

B. Believing Requires Actions

1. The devils also believe and tremble. James 2:19
2. Faith without works is dead, believing adds the works. James 2:17-26
3. Believe ye that I am able to do this? Matt 9:28
4. Believing the Word in your heart leads to complete salvation. Luke 8:12
5. Confess Jesus as Lord, believe in your heart. Rom 10:9-10
6. I believe therefore I have spoken. 2 Cor 4:13
7. These signs follow them that believe. Mark 16:17
8. For we which have believed do enter into His rest. Heb 3:7-12; 18-19; 4:1-3

C. Overcoming Obstacles to Believing

1. Fear subverts your believing; do not fear, only believe. Mark 5:36
 - a. Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1
2. Guilt and condemnation causes us to lose confidence (faith) in God. 1 John 3:18-22
 - a. Confess your sins – forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
3. Because of your unbelief, if you had faith... Matt 17:20
 - a. They entered not into the rest because of unbelief. Heb 4:6
4. Oh thou of little faith, why did you doubt? Matt 14:31
 - a. If you have faith and doubt not. Matt 21:21

Note: Mental assent produces wishful thinking. Heart belief (faith) produces actions and words.