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Review over Freed to Hope...

We've dealt with Hope in connection with our freedoms in Christ. That freedom on one side is realized as a release from the shackles or dominion of the flesh to lord over us any longer. On the other side it is a freedom to serve in sincerity of heart a new Lord. (Return the "captivity" of Israel as the prophets would say).

**The Scripture pool:** James 1; Rom. 15:13; 2 Thess. 2:16; Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:27; Heb. 6:17-20; Rom. 5:2; Heb. 11:1-6; Gal. 5:6

1. **What is Bible Hope?**
2. **Where is the source of every good and favorable thing? (Js. 1)**
3. **So our hope comes from?**
4. **What is our hope?**
5. **What does it do?**
6. **Heb. 11:1 teaches us, that hope is entirely dependant upon \_\_\_\_\_ for it's very existence.**
7. **Gal. 5:6 teaches us that Faith is dependent upon \_\_\_\_\_ for it's existence.**

So now we will turn our attention again towards faith...

**Free to believe –**

**Key Text:** I Cor. 13:13

The word abide is (*Meno*) and is used in an absolute sense, with the idea of perpetuity, i.e., to remain or endure forever, to be perpetual.

There are several words used for the concept of faith in the scriptures and they all have slightly different meanings. Below is a very brief overview of them...

***Peitho* G3982** – is a general word meaning - to persuade (used both for natural persuasion and spiritual persuasion). Ex. Acts 28:23,24

Then you have the term most people are familiar with...

***Pistis* G4102** πιστις *pístis*; Faith.

**Subjectively** meaning firm persuasion, conviction, belief in the truth, veracity, reality or faithfulness (though rare).

**Objectively** meaning that which is believed, doctrine, the received articles of faith.

So based upon the context in which it is used 4102 Pistis means either The object of our faith or the state or act of being persuaded of something's reality or truthfulness.

***Pistos* G4203** – trustworthy

***Pisteou* G4100** - To believe, have faith in, trust. NT meanings:

Particularly, to be firmly persuaded as to something, to believe. With the idea of hope and certain expectation. Ex. Mark 11:23,24

In other words 4100 is the act of believing itself. It is the act of acting on your persuasion. BELIEVING. - in English it would be a verb.

**8. Describe the difference between the words above in your own words.**

**9. Read Heb. 12:2 & Rom. 10:17.**

What about these verse make the following “Christiansse” statements wrong?

- *“I’ll just be believing that...”*
- *“I’ll put my faith on it.”*
- *“I’ll just believe with you that....”*

**10. Why is it that you (most of the time) cannot make such a promise?**

**11. How are statements like these closely related to stealing?**

**12. In what case COULD you make a statement like one of these and it NOT be wrong?**

**13. Is there a difference between being 100% convinced (persuaded) that God’s Word is completely true and trusting Him in active reliance? If so, what is the difference?**

**14. Where does Faith come from?**

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**16. All supernatural faith is the result of some truth concerning \_\_\_\_\_, being revealed to me by the \_\_\_\_\_.**