

FAITHFULNESS

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.” (Proverbs 3: 3)

Since the creation of the heaven and earth, the plants, animals and finally the man, the Lord was loving and faithful to the things that he created. He created the man (Adam) and he was faithful to him when he put him in the Garden of Eden. God was faithful to Adam and he said, ***“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” (Genesis 2:18) “So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man.” (Genesis 2:21-22)***

Adam and Eve they live in the Garden of Eden with God. But they disobey God when they ate from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. After they ate from the tree, ***“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” (Genesis 3:7)*** But the Lord was still faithful to them.

1- “The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and His wife and clothed them.” (Genesis 3:21)

2- The Lord promised that from the offspring of the woman there would be one. He will crush the head of the serpent who deceived Adam and Eve and made them eat from the forbidden fruit. The Lord was faithful to fulfill his promise to save human kind from sin and from Satan. The Lord God sent his son Jesus born from virgin woman Mary, ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*** Jesus died on the cross paying for the price of the sin of man. Jesus redeemed the man from death by shedding his blood on the cross. And by his death and resurrection from the dead on the third day Jesus crushed the head of the serpent, Satan, and defeated Him. By Jesus sacrificed we became children of God. We adopted as children and the Lord God became our Father. We are justified and no more accused by Satan. And the Lord continually working on us to sanctify us from any sinful acts, preparing us to be presented to him holy and without any guilt.

“Dear friends, now we are children of God! And what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” (1 John 3:2-3) The Lord Jesus will come again to take His own people to heaven and to judge the world, until this time to come, ***“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)***

The above description of what God did to us speak not only about his great Love, but as well about his faithfulness. God created us on his own image and likeness and of his

likeness and faithfulness. Faithfulness is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit that start to appear in our lives after we receive Jesus.

- 1. Faithfulness to God: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)*** God should be our first priority; our life should be pleasing to Him. We should live in holiness and purity and doing acts of goodness and righteousness, that will give glory to God, as the word of God instruct us, ***“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)***
- 2. Faithfulness to the church of God:*** The group of believer in Jesus constitute the church. Those are also called the family of God. Faithfulness should be practice in the church, by using our gifts to serve God and to serve His people. We should offer our time, money, efforts and whatever we have for the service to express our love and faithfulness to God. ***“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” (Romans 12:11)*** Faithful need to extend to our brothers and sisters, ***“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6: 10)*** Faithfulness as well to people in vicinity to us, ***“Love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matthew 22: 39)***
- 3. Faithfulness to our families: “If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (1 Timothy 5:8)*** We should care for our families, parents and children and the close relatives giving to them the word of God and teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded us. Leading them in the way of righteousness and enable them with us to serve the Lord, ***“But as for my household, and me we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24: 15b)***
- 4. Marital faithfulness: “Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure.” (Hebrews 13: 4)*** In time of separation from our spouses we should observe not to fall into adultery. The spirit of faithfulness and self-control will enable us to observe that.
- 5. Faithfulness to the society:*** This includes the area that we are living, we should observe the rules and system, and help to build the society in the right way. We should act as a good examples for other to give them the model that they should follow. We should be faithful to our employer, where we are working; doing our job precisely and honestly whether the eyes on us or not. Faithfulness also to the city where we living, keeping order, laws and preserving the structure. Faithfulness shall extend to our country and nation. We are responsible to take care of our country and nation to build it in the right way.

My dear and beloved: Faithfulness may be the character of certain people but it is a spirit of God that build in us commitment, accountability and responsibility. Faithfulness is to remember your promises and vows that you gave and that you need to fulfill.

“Father God in heaven, Thank you for your word to me. Build me Lord in your Spirit and mold me in the way that you want me to be. Help me to be loving and faithfulness to others around

me, doing my duties and responsibilities. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.”