

Faithfulness

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 in His own image, **“26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”** (Genesis 1:26-28 KJV) and He was faithful to him when He put him in the garden east of Eden. **“8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.”** (Genesis 2:8 KJV) God was so faithful to Adam as he said, **“18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”** (Genesis 2:18 KJV) **“21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.”** (Genesis 2:21-22 KJV) So God provided everything, and finally made a wife for the man and formed to him a family.

Adam and Eve lived in the garden east of Eden with God. But they disobeyed God when they ate from the fruit of the tree of knowing good and evil. **“1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”** (Genesis 3:1-6 KJV) After they ate from the tree their eyes opened, **“7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”** (Genesis 3:7 KJV) But the Lord was still faithful to them and did to them the following:

1. The Lord clothed them: **“21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”** (Genesis 3:21 KJV)

2. The Lord promised that from the offspring of the woman there would be one, who would crush the head of the serpent who deceived Adam and Eve and made them eat from the forbidden fruit: **“15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”** (Genesis 3:15 KJV) 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, **“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** (John 3:16 KJV) Jesus died on the cross paying for the prize 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’ sacrifice we became children of God. We adopted as His children and the Lord God became our Father. We are justified and no more accused by Satan. And the Lord continually is working on us to sanctify us from any sinful acts, preparing us to be presented to Him Holy and without any blemish, wrinkle or spot.

The Lord Jesus also will come again to take us, we who are His own people to Heaven and to judge the world, **“1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”** (I John 3:1-3 KJV) Therefore until that time to come we need to be obedient and trust the Lord and be confident that the good works that He started in us He would faithfully complete them. **“6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”** (Philippians 1:6 KJV)

The above description of what God did to us speak not only about His great Love, but as well as about His faithfulness. God created us on His own image and on His likeness and faithfulness. Faithfulness is one of the fruit of the works of the Holy Spirit that start to appear in our lives after we receive Jesus.

Faithfulness is needed in all aspect of life. **Faithfulness is your willingness to give back of what you had received of good things. Unfaithfulness is when you received but you are not willing to give back.** Faithfulness is one of the fruit of the works of the Holy Spirit that starts to appear in our lives after we receive Jesus and it includes the following aspects:

A. Faithfulness needed toward God: **“37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”** (Matthew 22:37 KJV) **God should be your first priority; your life should be pleasing to Him. You 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, “16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”** (Matthew 5:16 KJV) Faithfulness is to read your Bible to know God better and to obey the Word of God, **“8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”** (Joshua 1:8 KJV) and faithfulness is to have life of prayers to be always in communication with God, **“12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”** (Romans 12:12 KJV) and faithfulness is needed also in giving to God what is due for Him from your time, talents, resources, your tithes, various

offerings and your firstfruits and the rest of your material things, that which later on makes you hear from God, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” (Matthew 25:21 KJV)* * All what you have is from the Lord and you should be faithful to God to bring to Him the best of what He gave you. That will be the expression of your true faith in God our Lord. * Giving the firstfruits to God the meaning of it is to put God first in all your priorities, and that what will help you to obey God fully and do all His requirements. Abel was willing to give the firstfruits of his flock, but Cain did not observe that, *“3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:” (Genesis 4:3-4 KJV)* *“4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.” (Hebrews 11:4 KJV)* Abel was able and willing to give to God his firstfruits because God was for him everything for he valued what he had received from God. But for Cain God was only one of the things he had because he was not able to see that God was the Creator and all what he had had come from Him. People usually trained to give their tithes, in giving the tenth of their income. But only few are trained to give their firstfruits. Giving the firstfruits is giving the whole salary to God, and to give the whole first increase and the first new income and the first salary of each year and so on. **To train yourself to give the firstfruits you need to cut many unnecessary things in order to be able to have enough that you will be able to give your firstfruits.**

B. Faithfulness also needed toward your family: This is by doing your responsibility and assignment toward your family that God had placed you in, *“8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” (1 Timothy 5:8 KJV)* We should care for our families; parents and children and the close relationships, providing them, and 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 as Joshua declared in *Joshua 24:15*, *“but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

C. Faithfulness also needed in the marital life: *“4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4 KJV)* The husband and the wife needed to be faithful to one another in their marital life, *“3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.” (1 Corinthians 7:3-5 KJV)* In time of separation from our spouses we should observe not to fall into adultery. Faithfulness and self-control will enable us to observe that.

D. Faithfulness needed toward the Church of God: The group of believers in Jesus constitutes the church. Those are also called the family of God. Faithfulness should be practiced in the church, by using your gifts to serve God and to serve His people.

You should offer your time, money, efforts and whatever you have for the service to express your love and faithfulness to the Lord. *“11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;” (Romans 12:11 KJV)* Faithfulness also needed to be extended to your brothers and sisters in Christ, *“10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10 KJV)*

E. Faithfulness also needed toward the job that God had placed you in: You should be faithful to your employer, where you are working; doing your job precisely and honestly whether their eyes on you or not. The following Scriptures shall enlighten your mind and help you to understand what you need to do in your working place. *“5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.” (Ephesians 6:5-8 KJV)* *“22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.” (Colossians 3:22-25 KJV)*

F. Faithfulness also needed to be expressed in good deeds and attitude toward the societies and the countries that we are living in: This includes the places and the cities that you are living; you should observe the rules and systems, keeping order, preserving the structure and obey all the laws and the regulations, *“7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.” (Romans 13:7 KJV)* You need also to be praying for their wellbeing, *“7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.” (Jeremiah 29:7 KJV)* and help to build that society in the right way. You need also to show faithfulness and love as well to people in vicinity to you as Jesus told us, *“39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” (Matthew 22:39 KJV)* You should act as good example for others to give them the model that they should follow. Faithfulness shall extend also to our countries and nations. We are responsible to take care of our country and nation to build it in the right way.

My dear and beloved: Faithfulness is to build commitment, accountability and being a responsible person. Faithfulness is to remember your promises and vows that you gave and that you need to fulfill. As God had done great miracle for you and had saved you through Jesus Christ our Lord, then be faithful and come to Him and start to serve Him. Commit your life to Him, be responsible and accountable to all what you had received from Him and He shall reward you. Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word and the teaching that I got in this message that showed me your faithfulness to me and all

what you had done to me and all what I need to do to show my faithfulness and gratefulness to you. Lord thank you for all the teachings, the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments I received in this message.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your unfaithfulness, your ungratefulness and your disobedience and the lack of fear in God. Confess your non willingness to give your tithes and offerings and your firstfruits to God. Confess your unfaithfulness toward God, toward your family, toward the Church of God, toward your job, toward the place that you are living and toward your country. Confess and renounce your marital unfaithfulness and non willingness to do your marital responsibilities. Confess and renounce your laziness and your lack of commitment. Confess and renounce all the work of the flesh in your life. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayer. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, with the Media, News, games and with friends. Lord forgive me. I repent of the following sins _____ .

Lord I humble myself down at your feet. Lord I commit myself to be faithful to you in my life, obeying your Word and commands and the teaching we received in this message. Lord build me 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. Lord I commit myself to read my Bible daily and to live a life of prayer. Lord I commit myself to give you my heart, and my life and to start to serve you and to do your will in full until the end of my life or until you come to take us to Heaven. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, faith, self-control, perseverance, long-suffering, patience, gentleness and kindness, that people will see Jesus in my life. Lord I commit myself to give you my time, my service and the strength of my body for your ministry. Lord I commit myself to give my tithes, my offerings and my firstfruits. Lord I ask you to sustain me with your grace, to provide my needs, to protect me from the evil ones and to keep me in good health and keep my strength to continue to serve you, this is my commitment and my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my brethren who repented of their sins and committed their life unto you to be faithful to the principles that we learned from this message. Lord help them to live a life pleasant to you and to fear you and to do your will in full. Lord answer their prayers, fill them once again with the Holy Spirit and use them to go on and serve you and proclaim your Word to others.

Lord bless us as your church; Lord we ask you once again to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts so we can go and evangelize, making new disciples and training new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more disciples to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach the rest of the church congregations, workers, members and the lost souls. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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