

## Will You Trust Me?

Trust, Faith, Expect, Rely, believe...all seem to be wrapped up together. Their definitions and usage intertwine throughout the versions of scripture. Look at the Greek words for all of the above. They stem from the same root and have striking similarities:

Pistis – faith, faithfulness

Piston – believing

Pistos – faithful, trustworthy, reliable, believing

Pisteuo – to believe, put one's faith in, trust

Pistikos – pure

Pistoo – to be convinced of...related to *peitho*: to convince, persuade, to trust in, have confidence in, be persuaded.

Trust = confidence, expect, persuade – but there is no Greek definition in the CLNT – KC!

### Romans 15:12-13 (NIV) –

<sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; **in him the Gentiles will hope.**"

<sup>13</sup> May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you **trust in him**, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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12 And again Isaiah is saying, there will be "the root of Jesse, And He Who is rising to be Chief of the nations: On Him will the nations **rely.**"

13 Now may the God of **expectation** be filling you with all joy and peace in **believing**, for you to be super-abounding in **expectation**, in the power of holy spirit.

Rely = expect, and expectation = a sure and certain hope.

### 1 Timothy 4:10 –

**NIV:** That is why we labor and strive, because we have **put our hope in** the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

**KJV:** For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we **trust in** the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

**CLNT:** (v.9) Faithful is the saying and worthy of all welcome...we **rely on** the living God, Who is **the Saviour of all mankind**, especially of believers.

### Hebrews 2:13 –

**NIV, NASB, KJV:** "I will put my **trust** in him."

**CLNT:** ...I shall have **confidence** in Him.

Confidence = literally means persuading!

A total aside: in this section of **Hebrews, verses 9-10**, presents an unmistakably clear, compelling, definitive case is made for the salvation of “THE ALL.” I do not know if the author intended it, but the Holy Spirit certainly did. If the Lord allows, this will surely be included in any revision of my book, **GO GOD!**, in the discussion of the One Who is big enough to win everyone.

Let’s read it:

9 Yet we are observing Jesus, Who has been made some bit inferior to messengers (because of the suffering of death, wreathed with glory and honor), so that in the grace of God, He should be tasting death for the sake of **everyone**.  
10 For it became Him, because of Whom **[the]** all is, and through Whom **[the]** all is, in leading many sons into glory, to perfect the Inaugurator of their salvation through sufferings.

#### **Mark 1:24:**

**KJV:** Children, how hard is it for them that **trust in** riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

**CLNT:** "Children, how squeamish it is for those who **have confidence in** money to be entering into the kingdom of God!

#### **NIV and NASB left the whole trust/confidence part out!**

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

#### **Hebrews 13:18 –**

**KJV:** Pray for us: for we **trust** we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

**NIV, NASB:** Pray for us. We **are sure** that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

**CLNT:** Pray concerning us, for we **are persuaded** that we have an ideal conscience, in all wanting to behave ideally.

The Complete Jewish Bible uses “trust” in place of faith in nearly all places where we would usually read “faith.”

#### **Hebrews 11:1-8**

**Trusting** is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see.

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3 By **trusting**, we understand that the universe was created through a spoken word of God, so that what is seen did not come into being out of existing phenomena...

6 And without **trusting**, it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, because whoever approaches him must trust that he does exist and that he becomes a Rewarder to those who seek him out.

7 By **trusting**, Noah, after receiving divine warning about things as yet unseen, was filled with holy fear and built an ark to save his household. Through this **trusting**, he put the world under condemnation and received the righteousness that comes from trusting.

8 By **trusting**, Abraham obeyed, after being called to go out to a place which God would give him as a possession; indeed, he went out without knowing where he was going.

#### **Psalm 78:**

21 Therefore, when ADONAI heard, he was angry; fire blazed up against Ya'akov; **his anger mounted against Isra'el;**

**22 because they had no faith in God, no trust in his power to save.**

**CLNT:** For they did not **believe in** Elohim, and they did not **trust in** His salvation

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23 So he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven.  
24 He rained down man on them as food; he gave them grain from heaven—  
25 mortals ate the bread of angels; he provided for them to the full.  
26 He stirred up the east wind in heaven, brought on the south wind by his power,  
27 and rained down meat on them like dust, birds flying thick as the sand on the seashore.  
28 He let them fall in the middle of their camp, all around their tents.  
29 So they ate till they were satisfied; he gave them what they craved.  
30 They were still fulfilling their craving, the food was still in their mouths,  
31 when the anger of God rose up against them and slaughtered their strongest men, laying low the young men of Isra'el.  
32 Still, they kept on sinning and put no faith in his wonders.  
33 Therefore, he ended their days in futility and their years in terror.  
34 When he brought death among them, they would seek him; they would repent and seek God eagerly,  
35 remembering that God was their Rock, El 'Elyon their Redeemer.  
36 But they tried to deceive him with their words, they lied to him with their tongues;  
37 for their hearts were not right with him, and they were unfaithful to his covenant.  
38 Yet he, because he is full of compassion, forgave their sin and did not destroy; many times he turned away his anger and didn't rouse all his wrath.  
39 So he remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that blows past and does not return.

40 ¶ How often they rebelled against him in the desert and grieved him in the wastelands!

41 Repeatedly they challenged God and pained the Holy One of Isra'el.

Here is a profound example of the trust which faith in Christ inspires as well as requires:

**Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)**

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

**CLNT:**

23 Now He said to all, "If anyone is wanting to come after Me, let him **disown** himself and pick up his cross **daily** and **follow** Me.

24 For whosoever may be wanting to **save** his soul, shall be **destroying** it, yet whoever should be destroying his soul on My account, he shall be saving it.

25 For what does a man benefit, gaining the whole world, yet destroying or **forfeiting** himself?

**Disown** (deny) = in this passage, it is to disregard his own interests

**Follow** = to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him

**Save** = keep or deliver from injury or evil, such as disease or drowning, but especially from sins and their effect... keep safe and sound; to make well, heal, restore to health; to preserve one who is in danger of destruction

**Destroy** (lose) = to put out of the way entirely, abolish, put an end to ruin; render useless; to kill; (CLNT-KC: in the complete state, pass out of one's possession, or beyond reach. Destroy is an active form of lose...it is the means to do this; in the middle voice, "perish" is the word.

**Forfeit** = lost as a penalty

**Luke 9:23-24 (NIV, NASB):**

However, when the Son of Man comes, **will he find faith** on the earth?"

**CLNT:** at the coming of the Son of Mankind, will He be finding **the faith** on the earth?"