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GOD IS FAITHFUL

Texts-1Cor 1:9; 1Cor 10:13; 2Th 3:3; Heb 10:23; 1John 1:9

Introduction: Faithfulness in our society today is practically a forgotten attribute. We see *unfaithfulness* in nearly every aspect of daily responsibility:

- Unfaithfulness to the employer. Work habits; attendance; starting on time.
- Unfaithfulness to the husband/wife.
- Unfaithfulness to the society. Steal; rob; taking advantages.
- Unfaithfulness to God.

Faithfulness seems to exist only when and where it will benefit the one who is being faithful. There was a time when faithfulness was expected of each citizen. Now unfaithfulness is the norm.

The N.T. phrase "God is faithful" is found in some form in **five** different passages of Scripture. It has exactly the same definition in all five usages: "trustworthy; trustful; -believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true."

- **1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
- **2 Thessalonians 3:3** But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.
- **Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We can quickly and easily determine one fact about God, and that is:

- He is trustworthy.
- He is trustful.
- He is faithful.
- He is sure.
- He is true.

As we examine further this attribute of God, you may see a greater meaning of the word "Faithful".

1. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PURPOSES 1 Corinthians 1:9.

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His faithfulness → "confirm" - legal term ~ guarantees to settle the transaction. IN TO vs. 6, 8 God will keep His "contract"

2. HE IS FAITHFUL TO DELIVER 1 Corinthians 10:13.

cp. James 1
1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

In Times of: Temptation / Trouble / Trials / Fear / Need

3. HE IS FAITHFUL TO SUSTAIN 2 Thess. 3:3

concrete
set fast (concrete)
stabilizing strength
set in RIGHT direction!
talk about life after salvation
2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

3 Promises... ① The Lord is faithful ② Who shall stablish you ③ Keep you from evil & evil one

4. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES Heb. 10:23.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) *"To acknowledge faith in Jesus" - PUBLIC*

5. HE IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE. 1 John 1:9.

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** Our 2 choices ~ ① COVER SIN*

HE IS FAITHFUL!!

② CONFESS SIN

** God's Responses "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

① Forgive ~ separate the sin from the sinner ~

*② Cleanse ~ Judicial Cleansing ~ legal, Done, Right Standing, Guilt Gone
Personal Cleansing ~ inner of Heart*