



BIG QUESTION

What is faith?



“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.” The New Testament's word for faith, *pistis*, means trust and faithfulness in one word. When ancient kings asked for *pistis*, they were asking whose side you were on. That's why some scholars say the best English word is often allegiance.

Allegiance doesn't earn anything: “it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... not by works.” Jesus paid our ransom, and now we're his. Faith is trusting Jesus as King, and staying loyal to him.



Think it through

Answer in your own words.

1. The demons believe God exists. Why isn't that enough?

2. When a king asked for *pistis*, what was he asking for?

3. Does allegiance mean we earn our rescue? Why not?

4. *Pistis* means trust and faithfulness. What would that look like for you this week?

Memory verse

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

Fill it in: “For the _____ of sin is _____ ,
but the _____ of God is eternal _____
in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. What would change if you trusted Jesus as King?
2. Why does real faith keep going, even when it's hard?
3. Paul said, “I have kept the faith.” What would keeping it look like for you?



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