

4) As a gift from God the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, *faithfulness*, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Ephesians 6:18

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

The Old Testament taught that “the just will live by *faith*” (Habakkuk 2:4), and that truth is quoted, amplified and illuminated three times in the New Testament. We obtain that *faith*, and our *faithfulness*, by the grace of God. He is *faithful* to His children, and by His grace we will one day hear the words, “Well done, good and *faithful* servant!” (Matthew 25:23).

Note: *Faithful* is also used in the sense of “believing,” as in the case of the Christians in Ephesus and Colossae
Ephesians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and *faithful* in Christ
Jesus

Colossians 1:2

To the saints and *faithful* brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.