

A Definition of Faith

The following definitions come from various language specialists, and religious writers who obviously know the definitions of the word "FAITH" as used in the Bible:

1. Pisteuo (the verb for believe) means "to comply." — Liddell & Scott
2. Pistis (the noun for faith) "is a bearing towards God and His revelation which recognizes and confides in Him and in it, which not only acknowledges and holds to His word as true, but practically applies and appropriates it."
3. Pisteuo (believe) includes "a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah — the divinely appointed author of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God, conjoined with obedience to Christ." — J.H. Thayer.
4. Faith understood merely as trust and confession is not able to save. Only through obedience.... and conduct which fulfills the commandments of God does faith come to completion (James 2:22). — O. Michel.
5. "To believe" is "to obey." — Bultmann.
6. "Faith" is confident reliance on God. It is the act by which he lays hold on God's proffered resources, becomes obedient to what God prescribes, and abandoning all self-interest and self-reliance, trusts God completely.... Obedience, conformity to what God prescribes, is the inevitable concomitant of believing." — Alan Richardson