

God is Faithful, How About You? 1 Corinthians 1:9

Faithfulness - "_____ in one's thoughts, words, and actions." In the passive sense it speaks of being faithful, trusted or trustworthy, reliable. In the active sense it signifies believing, trusting, relying.

Faithfulness is one of those big-tent terms that is a lot larger concept than a single message can address, but we can catch a solid glimpse of it. To help us, we're going to look first at God.

I. The Faithfulness of God (1 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 10:23; Deuteronomy 7:9; Lamentations 3:22-23; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

God has never ever made a _____. He hasn't _____. Oh, we may try and put Him in a box; we may set our own "rules" and expect Him to dance to our own tune... in accordance with our own opinion of how we want God to act... and because of this we may doubt his faithfulness. Yet God has always, always, always been faithful to _____. What about you?

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." (2 Timothy 2:13)

II. God's Faithfulness In Action

How has God been faithful to us? Consider just a few examples...

1. God's ultimate act of faithfulness was _____
_____ for the forgiveness of our sins. He promised a Savior, and He delivered on His promise. (1 Corinthians 1:9; John 3:16)
2. God promises to never _____ nor _____ (Hebrews 13:5).
3. God is _____ (2 Peter 3:9).
4. He is faithful to _____ and _____ of sin each time we ask Him (1 John 1:9).

5. God is faithful to _____... and answer if we are in right fellowship; see above (Psalm 143:1; Matt. 7:7-11; John 16:24).
6. God is faithful to _____ - Satan, the "evil one" (Matt. 6:13; John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3).
7. God is faithful in _____, for He will complete the work in us [and the world] that He started (Phil. 1:6).

III. How Should We Respond To God's Faithfulness?

1. _____ (Rev. 2:10)
2. Consider that God has _____ to be faithful (Gal. 5:22)
3. We are to be faithful with _____. *"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* (1 Cor. 4.2)
4. _____ God's faithfulness in our _____ with others.
5. Realize that _____ are opportunities to practice faithfulness, and to know of God's (1 Cor. 10:13).
6. _____ about God's faithfulness to _____, including our children, often! (Psalm 40:10; 89:1; 92:2)

Conclusion and Application:

Consider our definition of faithfulness again, "Staying true to God in one's thoughts, words, and actions." Sound a bit simplistic? Think about it... Who bought us with the blood of His Son? Who owns what we possess? Who gave us the gifts and talents we use? Who gave us our children?

God is faithful! Are you?

Final thought: *"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."* (Revelation 19:11)