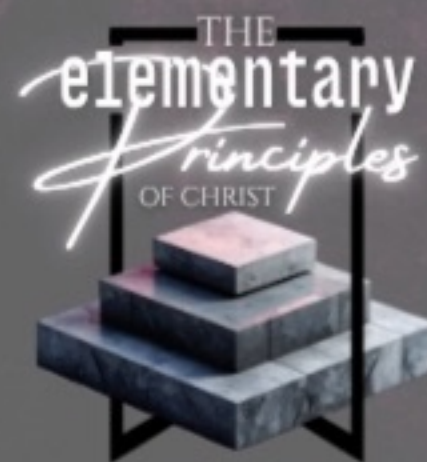


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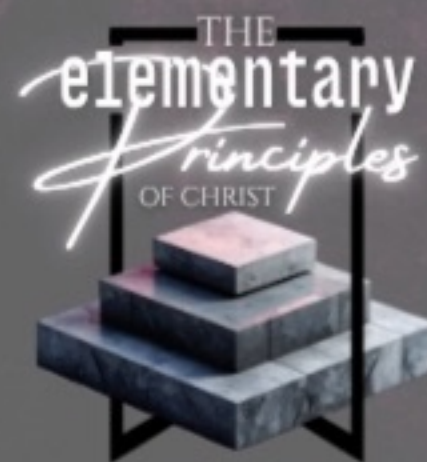
What is faith?

- *Pistis* — “persuasion, i.e. credence” (STRONG)
- “(1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; (2) fidelity, faithfulness, i.e. the character of one who can be relied on” (THAYER)
- “GL(1) pass. sense, ‘trustworthiness, faithfulness, honesty, credibility’...act. sense, ‘trust, faith, confidence [in others]’; (2)... fidelity; (3)...life...constituted in accordance with [faith]... [assuming] the practical features of...piety.” (NIDNTTE)



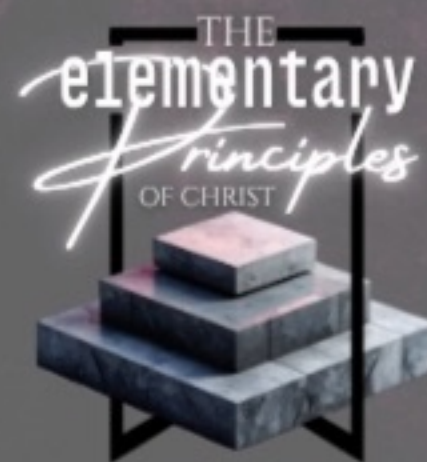
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- Heb – (**Hebrews 10:38**) **Habakkuk 2:4** – *'emûnâ* – “firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness” (BDB)
 - “firmness, fidelity, steadiness.” (TWOT)



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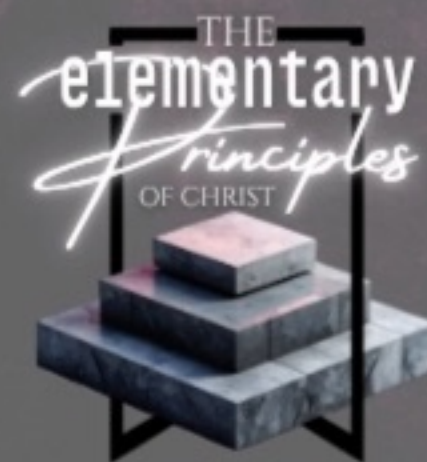
- **Belief** — James 2:19; Matthew 8:29; Hebrews 11:6
- **Trust** — Hebrews 11:6; 6:13-18; 1 Peter 2:6
- **Obedience** — John 3:36 (NASB); Romans 1:5; Hebrews 11:8
- **Fidelity** — Revelation 2:10; Hebrews 10:35-39



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Belief and Trust in God

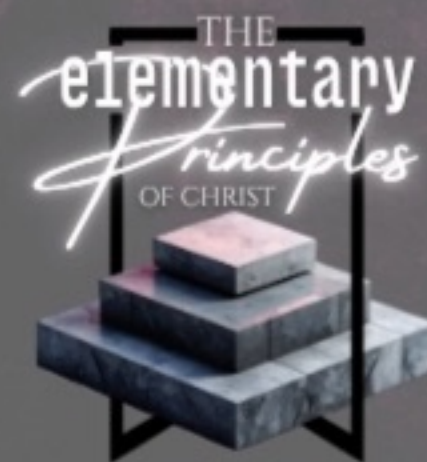
- Persuasion and trust in God based in His word — **Hebrews 11:1, 3, 6** (cf. **Romans 10:17; 15:4**)
- John's gospel presents evidence to persuade, but also evoke trust — **John 20:30-31**
- **John 14:6** — believing the claim of Jesus leads to trust in Him based on the nature of the claim itself.



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Obedient Faith to God

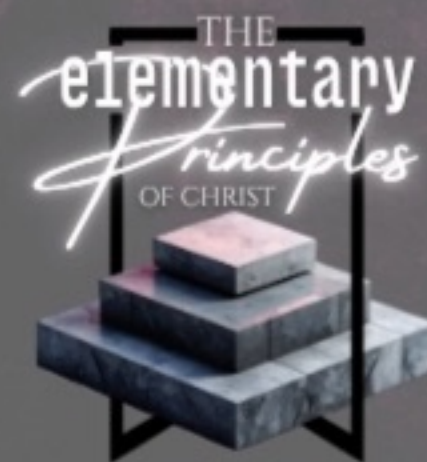
- Subjective persuasion and the feeling of trust are insufficient without the trust being displayed. (cf. 1 Peter 2:6-7)
- Romans 1:1-5 — the gospel presented to persuade, and evoke trust that manifests in obedience.
- Biblical saving faith is not one dimensional — Romans 10



Faith Toward God

Faithfulness in Relationship to God

- *“faith TOWARDS GOD”*
- Paul’s language and reference to Habakkuk is telling — **Romans 1:16-17; Habakkuk 2:4**
- Paul’s use of Abraham demonstrates faithfulness/fidelity beyond mere belief or trust — **Romans 4 (cf. James 2:21-24)**
- The Hebrew writer was emphasizing enduring faithfulness — **Hebrews 11:13, 39-40**



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