

Man: To Have God to be God to You, You Must Have “Faith”

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Try breaking up the text to make it easier to observe. How does God define the word “faith?”

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Does this definition also work in the New Testament? Or is Jesus using a different definition? Highlight anything that helps you observe the text better!

No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:18)

37) And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38) and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. (John 5:37-38, ESV)

19) So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20) For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21) For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22) For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23) that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:19-24, ESV)

44) And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45) And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46) I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47) If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48) The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49) For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50) And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.” (John 12:44-50, ESV)

8) Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9) Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10) Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11) Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. (John 14:8-11, ESV)