



CONTINUING IN FAITH IN CHRIST

For the Christian, faith is not the finish line at the end of a long journey toward Christ.

It is the starting block! Unfortunately, many who are born into God's family embrace eternal life with God, only to stumble and trip into steps of gospel growth. Yes, initial saving faith in Christ is vital, but Christ expects His people to add to that faith and continue on as His committed disciples.

Faith is _____ we start and continue in. (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:41-42, 2 Peter 1:5)

Faith continues on in Christ

We _____, _____ and _____
Christ's teachings and example. (Matt. 11:29, Luke 6:26-49, John 13:12-15, Matt 10:25)

Faith continues on in sacrifice

Continuing on in faith may cost you _____. (Luke 14:26a)

Continuing on in faith will cost your _____. (Luke 14:26b)

Continuing on in faith will cost your _____. (Luke 14:27)

Continuing on in faith will cost your _____. (Luke 14:33)

Faith continues on for reward

All who follow Christ are rewarded in _____ and
the _____. (Mark 10:29-30, Luke 18:28-30).

If you have put faith in Christ, praise the Lord! But what are you doing now? Are you continuing on from that starting point? Are you growing, learning, adding, becoming, following? Faith in Christ is more than "fire insurance"! It brings us into a new relationship with God by which we can become fruitful in righteous living for His glory!

PURSUING GOSPEL GROWTH

- Were you challenged to continue on when you first came to faith in Christ? If so, by whom? That is called discipleship.
- What relationship does continuing on as disciples have with the Bible? With the church?
- What are some other "compensations" we will receive in Heaven that will more than make up for our sacrifices?