

Have Faith

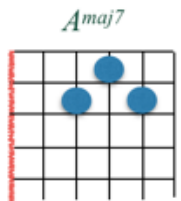
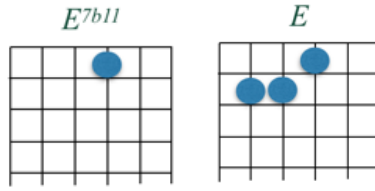
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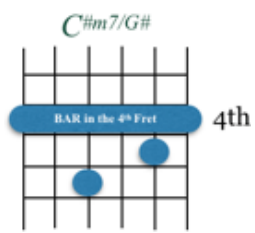
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CHORUS

E A E
 He said, "Have faith in me."
 E A A^{maj7} E
 Open your eyes and see.
 A $C\#m7/G\#$
 You start as a seed, grow to a tree,
 A^{maj7} A E
 Through nature to eternity.



A $C\#m7/G\#$ D E A
 Path before an acorn's plain to see;
 A $C\#m7/G\#$ E
 Spreading shade, as a great oak tree.
 D E A
 Glory in the world a jubilee;
 D E A
 Contented neighborhood around her feet.



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A $C\#m7/G\#$ D
 For happiness, a person is the key.
 E A $C\#m7/G\#$ E
 The Good Shepherd, find us at His knee.
 D E A
 For all He gave, He made us His trustees.
 D E A
 This life's your chance to come, and taste and see.

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Scripture on Faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence (Greek ἔλεγχος élenchos, that by which invisible things are proved) of things not seen.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Definitions of faith (πίστις, transliteration *pistis*, pē'-stēs):

Faith is the process of the weaker trusting that the stronger has his or her best interests in mind. *Dr and Pastor Craig Henningfield*

The conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the New Testament of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervor born of faith and joined with it.

1. relating to God: the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ,
2. relating to Christ: a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the Kingdom of God,
3. the religious beliefs of Christians,
4. belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same: fidelity, faithfulness,
5. the character of one who can be relied on.

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Søren Kierkegaard defined faith as "a passion for the impossible." Is God opposed to reason? Absolutely not; God gave us the gift of reason. Does God want us to be unrealistic? No; he wants us to use all of our powers of imagination and analysis. But faith goes beyond reason; it is a passion for what reason can't see.

Bishop Robert Barron, November 28, 2022

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Trustee

Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

The verb “to keep” in Hebrew is שָׁמַר transliterated as Shamar which means to keep, guard, preserve, protect.

Taste and See

Psalms 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

These words of King David’s are part of the prophecies of the Old Testament predicting the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Jesus confirmed in many places in the New Testament that these prophecies pertained to Him. He was very specific about this fact when talking to some of His disciples on the Road to Emmaus.

Luke 24:25-27 34:8 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Jesus fulfilled David’s **Psalm 34:8** prophecy at His last Passover supper, often referred to as the Last Supper with His disciples just before He was arrested and crucified. His words are recorded in the Synoptic Gospels of **Matthew 26-28**; **Mark 14:22-24**; **Luke 22:19-20**, and St Paul’s **1 Corinthians 22:19-20**.

Catholic Mass uses these words:

“Take this, all of you, and eat of it: for this is my body which will be given up for you.

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant. which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.”

The Lutheran Mass uses these:

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

John 6 in *The Discourse on the Bread of Life*, Jesus says, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you... Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

John 6:52-58 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Jesus did not retract or moderate these sayings, even when many of his disciples abandoned him, being shocked at the idea.

John 6:66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.



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