

etc.): to keep or break faith with. 7. the observance of this obligation: to act in good or bad faith. 8. Theol. that trust in God and in his promises as made through Christ by which man is justified or saved.

Walter Bauer's *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, translated and revised by William Arndt and Wilbur Gingrich, gives the following information concerning the most common verb and noun for faith:

PISTEUO

1. believe -- a. believe (in something, be convinced of something
b. w. the person to whom one gives credence or whom one believes . . . c. to believe someone with regard to something . . . d. abs. (In which case the context supplies the obj., etc.) . . . e. believe = let oneself be influenced against someone . . . f. I am believed, I enjoy confidence.
2. believe (in), trust of religious belief in a special sense, as faith in the Divinity that lays special emphasis on trust in his power and his nearness to help, in addition to being convinced that he exists and that his revelations or disclosures are true. In our lit. God and Christ are objects of this faith . . .
3. entrust something to someone . . .
4. a unique use of found . . . the one trusts himself to eat anything Ro. 14:2 (a combination of two ideas: 'he is so strong in the faith' and: 'he is convinced that he may.')

PISTIS

1. pass. trustworthy, faithful, dependable, inspiring trust or faith . . .
2. act. trusting, cherishing faith or trust . . . also believing, full of faith, faithful . . . Of one who confesses the Christian faith believing or a believer in the Lord, in Christ, in God . . . The abs. also means believing (in Christ), a (Christian) believer and is used both as adj. and as subst.

The Scriptures represent faith in various aspects, as may be seen in the following selected references:

Psalm 34:8 -- "O taste and see that the Lord is good;
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"

Psalm 118:8-9 -- "It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to trust in princes."

Proverbs 3:5 -- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And do not lean on your own understanding."