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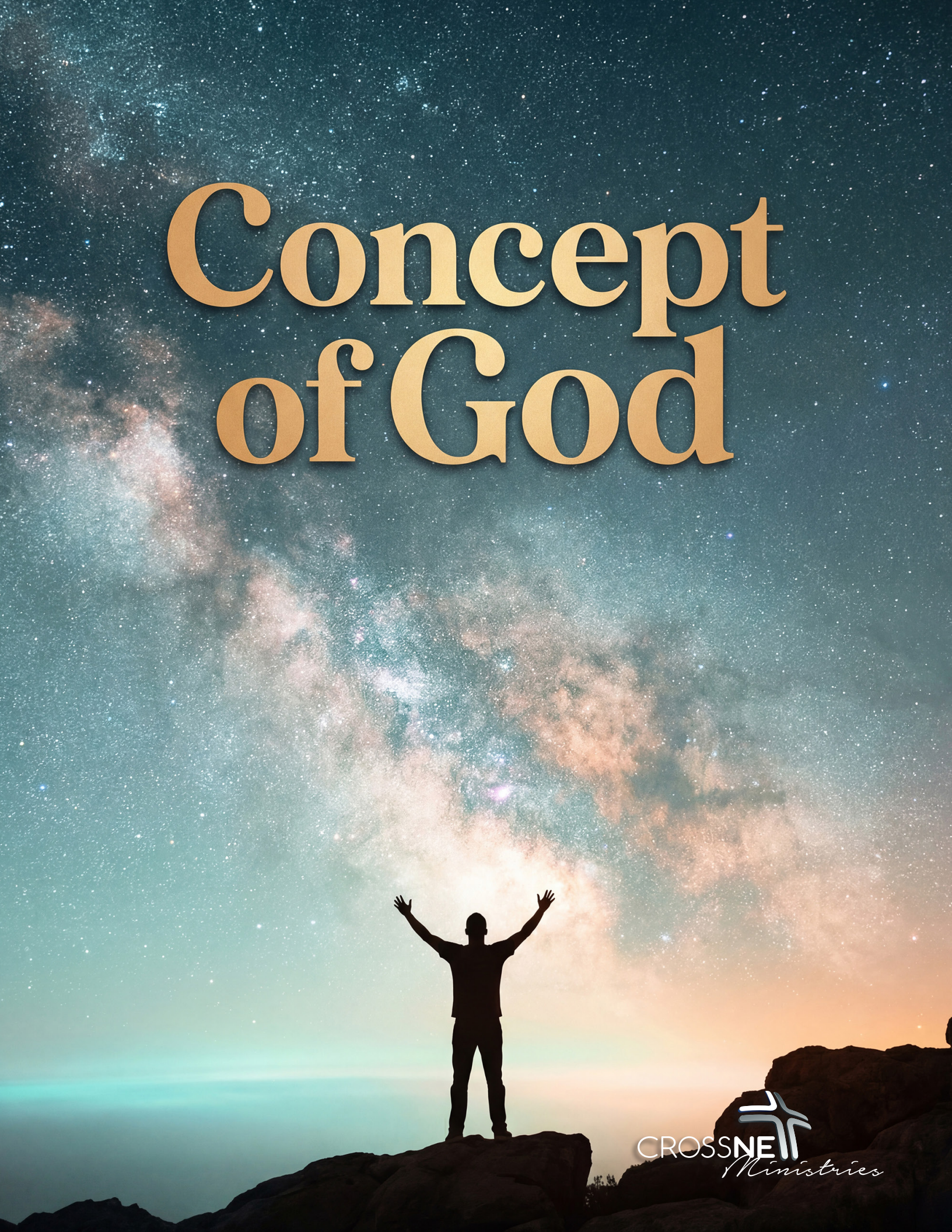

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CONCEPT OF GOD

" There is a _____shaped vacuum in the heart of every man that cannot be satisfied by anything created, but only by the _____made known through _____ _____." *Pascal*

The quality of a Christian's life is affected by their perception of God!

1. The purpose and meaning we give to life is directly related how we understand God. Phil 3:8 (NLT)

2. It affects the degree to which we will love and obey God. Psalms 16:11 (NKJV)

3. How we see ourselves. Numbers 13:33(NLT)

4. How we relate to others. 1 John 4:8(NLT)

Our personal *understanding* of how I feel about God.

Please write a number in the space provided that reflects your feelings about God.

0 = never, **1**= seldom, **2**= sometimes, **3**= often, **4**= usually, **5**= always

When I think about God, I feel:

Nothing	___	Angry/judgmental	___
Abandoned	___	Impatient	___
Alone	___	Critical	___
Unsure	___	Punishing	___
Uneasy	___	Hard to hear	___
		Non-communicative	___
		Hard to understand	___

I feel, God is:

Inconsiderate	___	Not helping me	___
Hard to please	___	Irresponsible	___
Conditionally loving	___	Slow	___
Unloving	___	Uncaring	___
		Tolerating my presence	___

The Authoritarian father	God demands _____.
The Abusive father	God can't be _____.
The Distant/Passive father	God doesn't _____.
The Accusing father	God is my _____.
The Absent father	God is _____.

The Father's Love Letter **–** video

THE NATURE OF GOD - Isaiah 40:18, 25, 46:9b, 55:8, (ESV)

Unique one of a kind

No origin

Eternal

Alpha and omega (Rev. 1:8)

Timeless

Self-existent

Measureless

Limitless (Isaiah 40:28, Kings 8:27)

Immutable (James 1:17)

Self-sufficient

CREATOR

Omnipotent _____

Omnipresent _____

Omniscient _____

Elohim --- simply means "_____" in the English language and is plural .

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV) - In the beginning *God* created the heavens and the earth.

> Elohim is the first name for God used in the Bible and it occurs over 2,300 times in the Old Testament. It is used in almost every verse in the early chapters of Genesis. Know that the vast majority of times when we read 'God' in the Old Testament, it is the Hebrew word Elohim.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) - Then God said, "Let *Us* make man in *Our* image, according to *Our* likeness;

Genesis 6:4 (NKJV) – "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God He is One!"

The Hebrew Bible (Deuteronomy 4:39)-*Know therefore this day, and consider it in your heart, that Yahweh He is Elohim in Heaven above, and upon the Earth beneath; there is no other one.*

YHWH – YAHWEH – JEHOVAH - LORD

It is the Hebrew word that we translate as Lord or Jehovah and it is used about 7000 times in the O.T. The four letters of this word come from the Hebrew verb which means "to be" ***" I am who I am "*** (Exodus 3:14-15)

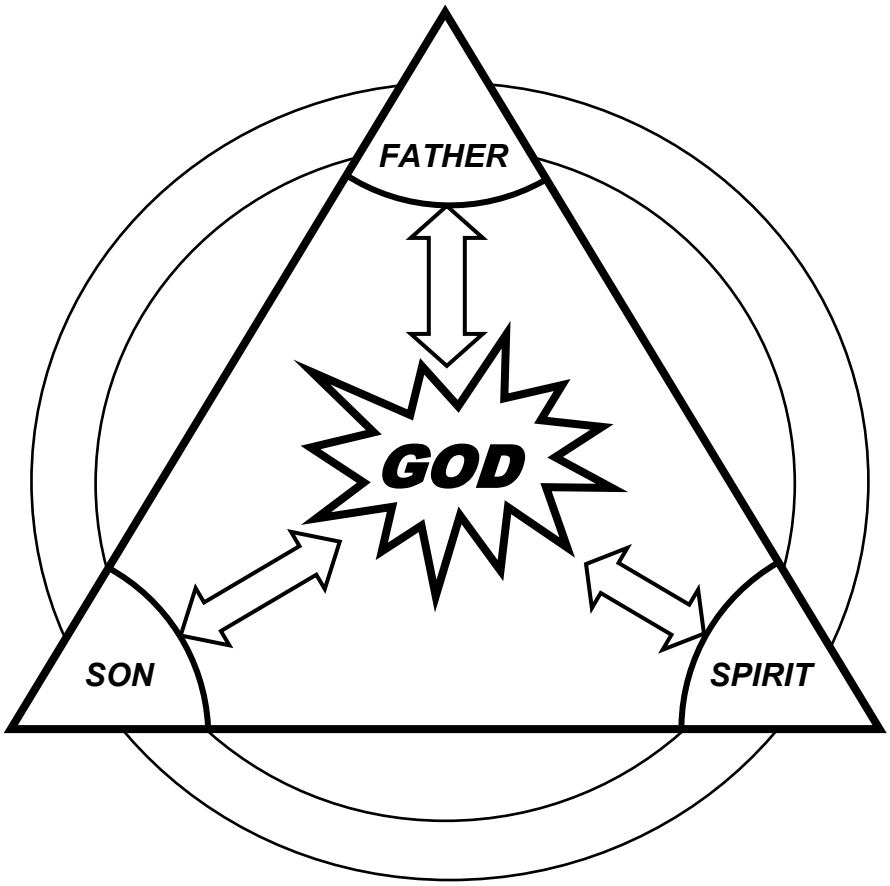
This name for God declares His _____ being – the source of _____, without _____ or _____.

ZOE ZOE, "MEANS GOD'S EVERLASTING KIND OF LIFE" John 1:1, Gen 2:7 (NLT)

Our sincerest effort to grasp the incomprehensible mystery of the Trinity must remain forever futile, and only by deepest reverence can it be saved from actual presumption. A.W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy)

The doctrine of the Trinity is truth for the heart. Love and faith are at home in the mystery of the Godhead. Let reason kneel in reverence outside. Such truth had to be revealed no one could have imagined it. A.W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy)

THE TRINITY



THE GODHEAD
(2 Cor. 13:14)

GOD AS ONE
(Matt. 28:19)

THE FATHER IS GOD
(1 Cor. 8:6 a)

THE SON IS GOD
(1 Cor. 8:6 b Col. 2:9)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD
(1 Cor. 6:11)

"It is the *Father* who generates, the *Son* who is begotten, and the *Holy Spirit* who proceeds". While distinct in their relations with one another, they are one in all else. The whole work of creation and grace is a single operation common to all three divine persons, who at the same time operate according to their unique properties, so that all things are from the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. The three persons are co-equal, co-eternal and consubstantial. (of the same substance)

"The philosopher and the scientist will admit that there is much that they do not know; but that is quite another thing from admitting that there is something which they can never know, which indeed they have no technique for discovering" Tozer

The name for God frequently found in the Old Testament is Jehovah and this name is often coupled with other words to describe a characteristic of God. The same is true of "EL" which is an abbreviation of Elohim. The following are some examples of the way God is described.

EL ELYON meaning *"The Most High God"* (Genesis 14:18, Isaiah 14:24, 27)

Isaiah 45:6-7, 40:25-26, 46:9-11 (amp)

> **[36] For from *Him* (Jesus) and through *Him* and to *Him* are all things. [For all things originate with *Him* and come from *Him;* all things live through *Him*, and all things center in and tend to consummate and to end in Him.] To *Him* be glory forever! Amen (so be it).**
> **Romans 11:36 (AMPC)**

I AM - *"the very essence of God"* (Psalms 46:10, James 1:17, Exodus 3:13-14)

EL-SHADDAI – describes God as the *"ALMIGHTY "* (Genesis 1:17, 15:11)

YESHUA -- *JESUS – SAVIOUR* (John 8:58, John 10:11)

JEHOVAH-JIREH meaning *"The Lord will provide"* (Exodus 22:14, Genesis 22:13-14)

ADONAI- *"Lord, Master"* (*Psalm 16:2*)

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU - *"The Lord our righteousness"* (1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Psalms 11:7, Jeremiah 23:6)

EL ROI- *"The God who sees me"* (Genesis 16:13)

JEHOVAH-ROHI - "*The Lord my shepherd"* (Psalm 23:1)

JEHOVAH-MACCADDESHEM - *"The Lord sanctifies"* (Leviticus 20:8, Hebrews 10:14)

For personal study more names of God:

- **JEHOVAH--YAHWEH** [Genesis 2:4] a reference to God's divine salvation.
- **JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH** [Ezekiel 48:35] meaning "The Lord who is present"
- **JEHOVAH-RAPHA** [.Exodus 15:26] meaning "The Lord our healer"
- **JEHOVAH-NISSI** [Exodus 17:15] meaning "The Lord our banner"
- **JEHOVAH-SHALOM** [Judges 6:24] meaning "The Lord is peace"
- **JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH** [Isaiah 6:1-3] meaning "The Lord of Hosts"
- **JEHOVAH-GMOLAH** [Jeremiah 51:6] meaning "The God of Recompense"
- **EL HANE'EMAN** [Deuteronomy 7:9] meaning "The Faithful God"
- **EL HAGADOL** [Deuteronomy 10:17] meaning "The Great God"
- **EL HAKADOSH** [Isaiah 5:16] meaning "The Holy God"
- **EL YISRAEL** [Psalm 68:35] meaning "The God of Israel
- **EL HASHAMAYIM** [Psalm 136:16] meaning "The God of the Heavens"
- **EL DE'OT** [1 Samuel 2:3] meaning "The God of Knowledge"
- **EL EMET** [Psalm 31:6] meaning "The God of Truth"
- **EL YESHUATI** [Isaiah 12:2] meaning "The God of my Salvation"
- **IMMANUEL** [Isaiah 7:14] meaning "God is with Us"
- **EL OLAM** [Genesis 21:33] meaning "The God of Eternity"
- **EL ECHAD** [Malachi 2:10] meaning "The One God"

"I am the eternal One, who has planned to disclose myself to you. When you seek me earnestly, when you yearn for my presence, when you long to know me as I am in reality --- It is because I am calling to your soul.

Yes, I call for you, and I come to you, my beloved child, because I yearn to meet you. I await your love and childlike trust. And the more you get to know me the more you will trust me." *(What is the Father Like? Phillip Keller)*

WE HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY _____ TO HAVE A

_____/_____ RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

2 Cor. 6:18 (*ampc*) _____

Hebrews 1:3 (*ampc*)

3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,

LOVING – John 3:16 (NLT)_____

1 John 4:10 (ESV) _____

My love springs from my eternal nature so that it overcomes every obstacle as I seek to draw all men to me.

CARING – Matt. 10:30-31(ampc) _____

1 Peter 5:7 (ampc) _____

Matt. 6:26 _____

FORGIVING – Col. 1:14 (NASB)_____

Psalms 103:12 (ampc) _____

Heb 10:17 (ampc) _____

COMPASSIONATE – Ex. 33:19 _____

James 5:11 (NKJV) _____

Luke 15:20 (ESV)_____

GIVING – Acts 17:25 (NLT) _____

Romans 8:32(RSV) _____

James 1:17 (NIV)_____

UNDERSTANDING – Job 12:13 _____

Eph. 1:8 (NLT) _____

Psalms 107:9 (ampc) _____

ACCEPTING – Psalms 139:1-6 (NLT) _____

Romans 15:7 CEV)_____

PERSITENTLY PURSING – Luke 19:10 NLT)_____

1 Tim. 2:4 (NIV)_____

Titus 2:11(MSG) _____

LOVINGKINDNESS – Psalms 117:2 (NASB) _____

Psalms 86:15 (NASB) _____

Titus 3:4-5 _____

REASONABLE – Is. 1:18 (amp) _____

Eph. 3:12 (NCV) _____

James 3:17 (NASB) _____

PARDONS – 1 John 2:12 (amp) _____

Is 43:25 (amp) _____

Psalms 103:3 (NLT) _____

HEALS – Is. 53:5_____

Psalms 147:3 (ESV) _____

Luke 8:54-55 (GNT)_____

Matthew 15:30 (NIV) _____

REDEEMS – Job 19:25 (NKJV) _____

Is. 63:16 (NKJV) _____

Psalms 19:14 (NKJV) _____

RENEWS – Philemon 1:7 (NIV)_____

Neh. 8:10b (NIV) _____

2 Cor. 4:16 _____

Is. 40:31_____

GRACIOUS – Eph. 1:7-8_____

Neh. 9:31(NLT) _____

Psalms 86:15 (ampc) _____

SATISFIES – Psalms 107:9 (amp) _____

Psalms 103:5 (ESV) _____

Eph. 3:19 (NIV) _____

UNFAILING – Isaiah 43:5-7 (NLT) _____

Hebrews 13:5b (ampc) _____

TRUSTWORTHY – Ephesians 3:12 (NCV) _____

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)_____

HOLY – ***to be complete, whole, wholesome, perfect and pure***

Isaiah 6:3 (NKJV) _____

Rev. 4:8 (NKJV) _____

Only twice in scripture is the _____ *of God* elevated to the third degree!

1 Peter 1:16 (NKJV)_____

Faith

There is no other way to know our unseen God then through the exercise of_____!
The dictionary defines faith as: "an allegiance to duty or a person, a belief and trust in and loyalty to God"

Hebrews 11:1 (*ampc*) _____

Hebrews 11:6 (*ampc*) _____

Romans 10:17(NIV) _____

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)_____

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NLT)_____

The Bible Says – video

Hebrews 13:7-8 (*ampc*) _____

SOVEREIGN (Psalms 24:8 (NLT), 103:19, Revelation 19:16 (NKJV), 1:8 (NLT))

ROMANS 8:15-17_____

15 Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.
Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.
17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs.
In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.
Romans 8:15-17 (NLT)

Galatians 2:20 _____