

Believe 1

The beast within each person of the world is described in Revelation 13:

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

A lion = pride (the symbol for Babylon)

A bear = an unchanging heart (symbol of Medo-Persia)

A leopard = an unwillingness to forgive (symbol of Greece)

Within every person is a beast of pride – an unchanging heart – and an unwillingness to forgive. It is this image we project on God and begin to believe He is like us.

Ephesians 4

*13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, **and of the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*

If we are going to walk in the fullness of Christ then we will need to understand the way Christ understands:

Thoughts produce feelings – Feelings move us to action

Genesis 15

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 15:6 is the first time the word **believe** is used in the bible. The Strong's number for this Hebrew word is h0539. It is also used in the following verse:

Numbers 11

*12 Have I conceived -- all this people? -- have I begotten them, that thou should say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a **nursing father** bears the sucking child, unto the land which thou swore unto their fathers?*

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h0539. אָמַן 'āman; a primitive root; properly, to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain; once (Isa. 30:21; interchangeable with 541) to go to the right hand:— hence, assurance, believe, bring up, establish, +fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (- ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

AV (108)- believe 44, assurance 1, faithful 20, sure 11, established 7, trust 5, verified 3, steadfast 2, continuance 2, father 2, bring up 4, nurse 2, be nursed 1, surely be 1, stand fast 1, fail 1, trusty 1;

to support, confirm, be faithful

Believe is a verb. It is something we do. It is an action we perform. The result of what we believe is the noun – FAITH.

Hebrews 11

*1 Now faith is **the substance** of things hoped for, **the evidence** of things not seen.*

*Substance and evidence are both nouns. **Faith is always a noun.***

Because faith is the result of what we believe, faith is another way of saying *understanding*.
The way we understand the things we believe = faith.

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