

Faith 'toward' God - the greatest blessing of life - February 2026  
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HEBREWS 6:1

Amplified Bible

Therefore let us get past the elementary stage in the teachings about the Christ, advancing on to maturity and perfection and spiritual completeness, [doing this] without laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of **faith toward** God,

International Standard Version

Therefore, leaving behind the elementary teachings about the Messiah, let us continue to be carried along to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead actions, **faith toward God**,

OTHER VERSIONS:

ENGLISH STANDARD	NASB	LEGACY STANDARD	KJV
AMERICAN STANDARD	ENGLISH REVISED	ISV	WEBSTERS
NEW HEART ENGLISH			

Toward - Gk EPI - definitions

1. to rest upon
2. to move toward something outside yourself

Hebrews 6:1 - foundational doctrines

'Faith toward God' -

- 1) action at salvation
- 2) action now

Your spirit/new creation is 'at rest' upon saving faith

Your mind must practice faith toward God: 2 Corinthians 10:4:  
bringing every thought into obedience to Christ.

"Toward" God: The Greek word for "toward" (epi) signifies not only "to rest upon" but also "to move toward something outside yourself." This implies a constant, active motion of faith from the mind towards God, leading to freedom from the carnal mind's weight.

Addn'l notes from The Faith Factor: Faith Toward God

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A little deeper look at these two uses of the word: TOWARD: GK 1909

1. MOST COMMON MEANING: UPON OR ON; ONE THING RESTING ON ANOTHER

THEN: TOWARD WHEN USED TO DESCRIBE **MOTION OR DIRECTION**

2. DIRECTION & DESTINATION

- In Greek grammar, when epi- is used with the case of motion, it shifts from meaning "resting on" to "moving toward" or "unto SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF YOURSELF. Moving toward a specific target to (1) rest upon it or (2) take hold of it. Example: In the phrase "toward the lake", it suggests moving toward the lake with the intent of reaching its shore(resting).
- MOTION TOWARD SOMEONE/SOMETHING TO BE NEAR OR IN FRONT OF IT
- MOTION THAT ACTUALLY ENTERS INSIDE THE DESTINATION.

And interesting note:

- EPI-GNOSIS: full knowledge - a knowledge that is directed toward the truth UNTIL IT IS FULLY GRASPED.
- "moving toward a friend to say hello," VS "moving toward a chair to sit down."

Examples of 'moving toward':

JESUS

MT. 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

LUKE 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

ROMANS 5:8 GOD COMMENDENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US

ROMANS 12:16 BE OF THE SAME MIND ONE TOWARD ANOTHER

2 COR. 7:4 GREAT IS MY SPEECH TOWARD YOU

2 COR. 7:7 YOUR FERVENT MIND TOWARD ME

2 COR. 9:8 GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUT TOWARD YOU

EPH. 1:8 HE HATH ABOUNDED TOWARD US IN ALL WISDOM AND PRUDENCE

EPH. 2:7 HIS KINDNESS TOWARD US THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

PHIL. 3:14 I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

COL. 4:5 WALK IN WISDOM TOWARD

1 JOHN 4:9 IN THIS WAS MANIFEST THE LOVE OF GOD TOWARD US, BECAUSE THAT GOD SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.