

## FAITHLESS

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:12-13 we find these words of Paul; “If we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we disown Him, He will also disown us. If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.

I ran into difficulty understanding the “If we are faithless...” Statement. The word ‘faithless’ is translated from the Greek *apistoumen* (ἀπιστοῦμεν) from the root word *apisteo* (ἀπιστεῶ). From the root *apisteo* we get; to be unbelieving, i.e. disbelieve (transitively), or (by implication) disobey. I can see that the transitive translation does not fit the context of 2Tim2:1-13. However, if I take the Greek word ‘by implication’ and translate “disobedient” the entire statement becomes very clear.

**Transitive:** being or relating to a relation with the property that if the relation holds between a first element and a second and between the second element and a third, it holds between the first and third elements.

**Implicate:** to involve as a consequence, corollary, or natural inference: