

Reasons for FAITH

Faith Founded On Facts

Faith:

Firm belief in something for which there is no proof. (Webster's Dictionary)

Acts 26:25

"But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth (truth and reason - NKJV)."

(NASB)

Biblical View of Faith

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A. Historical Facts Not "Blind Faith"

- 1) What about Hebrews 11:1?
- 2) **Did the apostles teach "Blind Faith?"**
(2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1)

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For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

1 John 1:1

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life

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B. Apostles Asked Others to Believe Facts

- 1) What facts do we have today?
- 2) Hebrews 11:1-3,6
 - a. Personal Definition: belief or assurance of all of the things we hope for because God tells us we can hope for them.

Reliable testimony

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A. Mark 16:9-11, 14

- 1) **Jesus expected belief based on "reliable testimony."**
- 2) **1 John 5:9: "If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son."** (NASB)

Reliable Testimony 2

- B. 2 Corinthians 5:7 - *"for we walk by faith, not by sight."*
- 1) Reliable testimony was used to teach the Corinthians.

God's Revelation 3

- A. Luke 1:1-4
- 1) *"² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us."*
 - 2) *"⁴ that you may know the certainty (exact truth-NASB) of those things in which you were instructed."*

God's Revelation 3

- B. How Do We Build Faith? (Rom. 10:17)
- 1) *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* (NKJV)
 - 2) John 17:17 - *"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."* (NKJV)
- Worldly View of Faith:
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