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Christianity is a historical faith.

“The facts backing the Christian claims are not a special kind of religious fact.

They are the cognitive, informational facts upon which historical, legal and ordinary decisions are based.” Dr. Pinnock.

Luke 1 <sup>3</sup>...it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

## 10 Misconceptions about the Christian faith:

1.Christianity doesn't need evidence because faith is blind.

2.Christianity cannot be true because the church has committed injustices.

3.The hypocrisy of Christians undermines the reasonability of the Christian faith.

4. Christians are intolerant and therefor a good reason to reject.

5. There cannot be just one religion.

6. Christianity is at war with Science.

7. God has not provided enough evidence for rational belief.

8. Being a good person is enough to get to heaven.

9. A good God would prevent evil and suffering.

10. Biblical teaching on sex is repressive and hateful.

God doesn't hate sex . He gave it as a blessing and designed it for human flourishing and he lovingly gave us boundaries to protect and provide for us.



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Christianity values the role of the mind, which includes the proper use of reason and argumentation.

Miracles preceded the call to belief, laying the foundation for rational steps of faith.

<sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, *rise, pick up your bed, and go home.*” Mark 2

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” Matthew 14

Faith and reason are friends and partners. They go together.

# THE DEFINITION OF FAITH:

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith = Pistis – It means a firm persuasion, conviction, belief.

Substance = Hypostatis – means to place under, platform, foundation

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So faith is – MY CONVICTION ABOUT GOD – WHO HE IS ... IS  
THE PLATFORM - for the things I am hoping for.

- Hoped for = Elpizo = to put your hope in someone – specifically in this context, God.
- MY CONVICTION ABOUT GOD – WHO HE IS ... IS THE PLATFORM - for the things I am hoping for SPECIFICALLY FROM GOD.



*Our strong belief based on God's word and promises are the foundation of our hope in God. Our convictions about God are so strong that we can act without physical proof.*

Unbelief is the opposite of faith.

Our beliefs based on God's Word and promises are not strong enough to give us a basis to put our hope in God. Our convictions about God are such that we cannot act.

NO testimony because no testing.

Faith says the opposite. It says my conviction about God, my foundation is strong enough to put my hope in God because I know what he says about it.

3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.  
Ps 137

18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love.  
Proverbs 30

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10

## 5 Facts about Faith.

**Fact 1:** Faith believes the Word of God is the final power and authority in life.

**Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.

We don't have a convenient relationship with the Bible.

If the Enemy can get us to doubt God's Word.

The most powerful thing we have has just become neutralized – ineffective – because we don't believe it anymore.

**Hebrews 11:4** By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

- **Fact 2:** The higher the priority God is in our lives, the greater our faith will naturally function.

Faith revealed his relationship with God. Faith is revealing.



**Hebrews 11:5-6** By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him;” for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

- **Fact 3:** Faith can only be released to the degree that we believe that God is intimately present and ultimately good.

**Hebrews 11:7** By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- **Fact 4:** Faith acts with confidence that God knows the future and wants to guide us to safety and success.

**Hebrews 11: 8-11** <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

- **Fact 5:** Faith focusses on what is spiritual and eternal more than just what is material and temporary.

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