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**The Bible Tells Me So**

# Faith: Belief & Trust in God

- Source: “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”
  - Romans 10:17
- Usefulness: “...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue”
  - 2 Peter 1:3
- Effect: “For we walk by faith, and not by sight”
  - 2 Corinthians 5:7

# The Bible, the Word of God: All truth

- John 17:17
- Psalm 19:9b
- Romans 3:4

Acts 27:25

“Therefore take heart, men,  
for I believe God that it will be  
just as it was told me.”

# Compromises with Creation

- Gap theory
- Day-age theory
- Theistic evolution
- How about?
  - Hebrews 11:1-3
  - Genesis 1:31-22.....Exodus 31:12-18
  - 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Current science

vs.

“For I believe God that it will be just as it was told  
me”

# The Sabbath or the first day of the week?

- The Sabbath-keepers today, such as the Seventh Day Adventist Church, say that the Roman Catholic church is responsible for changing the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday.
  - Appeal to writings of early historians
- How about...
  - Acts 20:7
  - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
  - Colossians 2:13-17

Claims regarding historians

vs.

“For I believe God that it will be just as it was told me”

# Homosexuality

- Early 1990s: discovery of a “gay gene”
- How about:
  - Romans 1:24-27...32
  - Jude 6-7
  - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
  - Matthew 19:5
  - Ecclesiastes 7:29

Current science and medicine

vs.

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me”

# Drinking alcohol

- “Red wine...heart healthy”
- “The French Paradox”
- How about:
  - Proverbs 23:29-35
  - Ephesians 5:18
  - 1 Peter 4:3

Current science and medicine

vs.

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me”



# Discipline of children

- “...there is a substantial body of research from psychology and its allied disciplines indicating corporal punishment is ineffective as a disciplinary practice and can have unintended negative affects on children...”
- How about:
  - Proverbs 13:24
  - Proverbs 22:15

Current psychology & “allied disciplines”

vs.

“For I believe God that it will be just as it was told me”

# Hell

- “God is too loving to send many to hell and save only a few”
- “Hell is not eternal punishment. It is annihilation.”
- How about:
  - Mark 9:42-48
  - Matthew 25:46

Human reasoning

vs.

“For I believe God that it will be just as it was told  
me”

# Withdrawing from the disorderly

- “It never works”
- How about:
  - Matthew 18:15-17
  - 1 Corinthians 5:1 -2...2 Corinthians 2:7

Human experience

vs.

“For I believe God that it will be just as it was  
told me”

- Order your life by what is true, unchanging, for your good, and by which you will be judged in the last day!
  - Romans 2:6, 16
  - Revelation 20:12
  - John 12:48
- The scholarship of men exalts itself against the knowledge of God!
  - 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

# What kind of faith do you have?

- A faith that will believe and respond only when what the Bible says is confirmed through your experience?
- A faith that will believe and respond only when what the Bible says is confirmed through your reasoning?
- A faith that will believe and respond only when what the Bible says is confirmed through current science?
- A faith that will believe and respond only when what the Bible says is confirmed through extra-biblical historical writings?

Such a faith is no faith at all, for your belief and obedient response is subject to all these other factors. Pleasing faith accepts God at His word!

Let us all strive to have the kind of faith that thinks, says, and does, as Paul said:

“For I believe God it will be just as it was told me”