

**IS BIBLICAL FAITH BLIND?**

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# FAITH

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a reasonable conclusion based on observable evidence, leading to a belief in something unseen



**FAITH IS BELIEVING IN THINGS WHEN  
COMMON SENSE TELLS YOU NOT TO**

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed?  
Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

John 20:29

...for we walk by faith and not by sight –

2 Corinthians 5:7

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of  
things not seen.

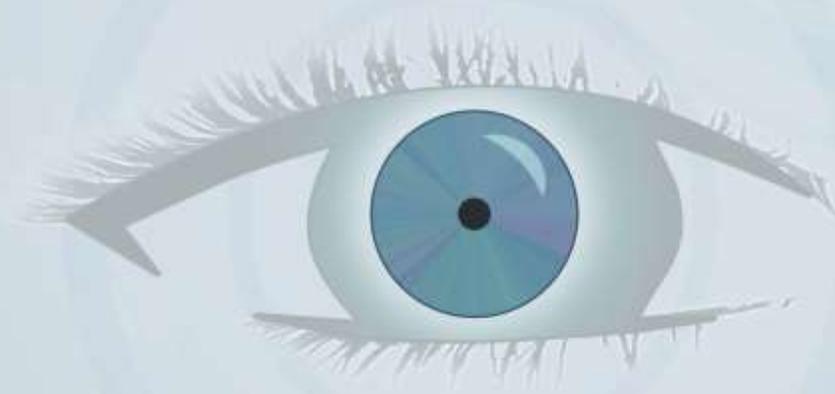
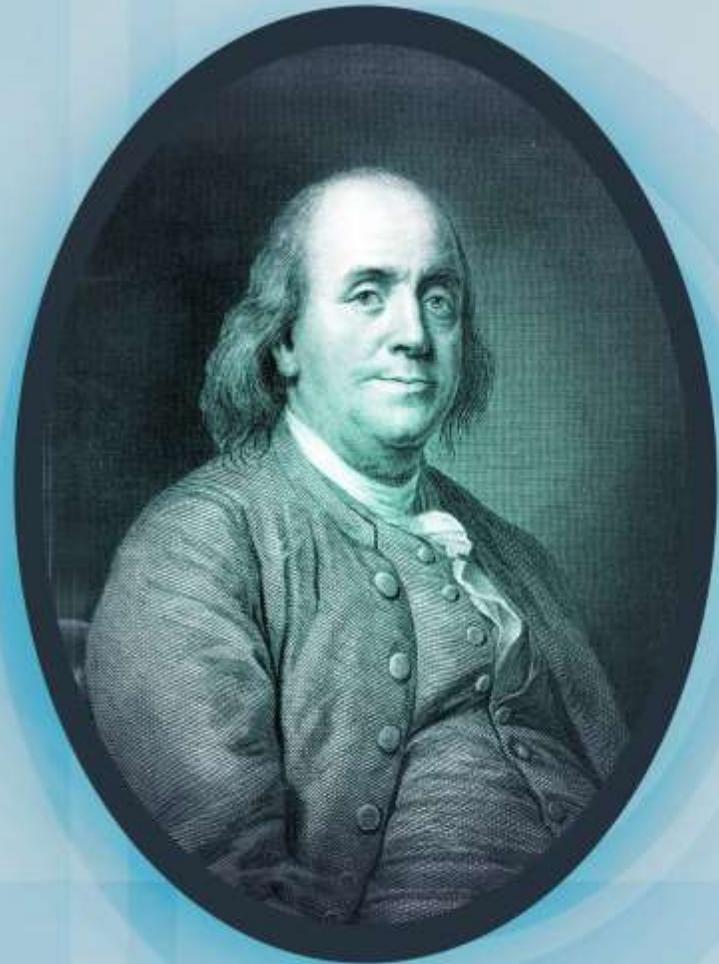
Hebrews 11:1

# John 20:29

- Pointing *back* to the disciples who believed *before* seeing Jesus resurrected (v. 8-9)
  - *They saw something, leading them to believe*
- Pointing *forward* to us readers who can believe *after* Jesus' resurrection (v. 30-31)
  - *We have eyewitness testimony of Jesus' signs and resurrection*

# 2 Corinthians 5:7

THE WAY TO SEE BY FAITH,  
IS TO SHUT THE  
EYE OF REASON.



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# 2 Corinthians 5:7

- “We walk by faith...”
  - *Paul endured great sufferings but did not give up (4:7-12)*
  - *Why not? Because of faith (4:13)*
  - *What led him to have such faith? Jesus' resurrection (4:14)*

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- “We walk by faith...”
- “...not by sight”
  - *Paul’s hope was not in present temporal things, but future eternal realities (4:16-18)*
  - *Because the resurrection is future, it is something yet unseen (5:1)*

# Hebrews 11:1

- Examples of faith in the unseen / unknown, based on what is seen / known...
  - *Creation (v. 3)*
  - *Noah's ark (v. 7)*
  - *Abraham's sacrifice (v. 17-19)*
  - *Rahab's repentance (v. 31)*
- The basis of our faith? Looking to Jesus' death and life (12:1-2)

# Summary

While the *object* of our faith is invisible, the *basis* for believing is not.

We see God's creative work, the facts of history, and Jesus' resurrection.

This leads us to believe in the unseen God as Creator and the (presently) invisible Jesus as Lord.

# Three Steps to Faith

Look objectively at the evidence – what do we have?

Reason through the evidence – what's the best explanation?

Choose the right path – what does this mean for my life?

*Examples:* complexity and design of natural world,  
eyewitness accounts of resurrection

# Hebrews 11:6

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And 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 seek Him.