

TIMOTHY KELLER'S
The **REASON** *for* **GOD**
BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

1. BELIEF AMONG SKEPTICS

Today's Verses:

Romans 3:3-4
Hebrews 11:1
2 Peter 1:16
Luke 1:1-4

Acts 1:3
1 Corinthians 15
John 14:6
John 5:39-40

James 2:19
John 3:16
John 14:1

BAPTISMS

Join us in celebration: September 30th at 1pm
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INTRODUCTION

In the past few decades, faith in God has been presented as mere belief in something invisible that we have to muster up that over looks facts. Many religious people have said that faith is “believing in something you can’t see, it’s something you feel.” But the truth is that nowhere does the Bible describe faith like that. The word we translate in the bible as “faith” is the Greek word “pistis” and it means TRUST.

DISCUSSION

What is faith? What is belief?

EXPLANATION – READ 2 PETER 1:16, LUKE 1:1-4, AND ACTS 1:3

Discuss the differences in comprehensive knowledge (where you know everything about a given subject) verses apprehensive knowledge (where you don’t know everything, but you know enough to trust something).

What things in your life are governed by apprehensive knowledge? (Examples could be the internet, driving a car, or how your satellite TV works).

APPLICATION – READ JOHN 5:39-40

Of the three parts of saving faith the Reformers spoke about: knowledge, accenting, and faith, which do you struggle with the most?

Where do you think you place your faith?

If someone that didn’t know you were to look at your life/lifestyle, what would they say you put your faith in? (Ask some people in the room with you right now what they see).

MISSION

In what way could you show others your faith in a more tangible way by how you live?

In what way could your words be better utilized to speak of your faith?

HOMEWORK

Read Chapter 1 in the Reason for God