

## BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED WORLDVIEW

### Thinking Biblically: The Biblical Grid

Theology		
Creation	Fall	Redemption
Cosmology	Hamartiology	Soteriology
Anthropology		

“[A Christ-centered worldview] involves three fundamental dimensions: the original good creation, the perversion of that creation through sin, and the restoration of that creation in Christ.”  
 (Albert Wolters, *Creation Regained*)




## BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

- **Matthew 7:24-27** – The Wiseman Builds his house on **Truth**
  - **John 14:6** – Way, Truth, Life
- We are to build our lives on the truth of the gospel.
  - Faith acts on what is true. (**Rom 10:17**)
  - “The just shall live by faith” (**Rom 1:16,17**)

The Just	By Faith	Shall Live
The Way	The Truth	The Life



## THE ASSURANCE OF FAITH

**Romans 5:1** – What is *faith*?

- Wishful thinking? Hope against all hope? *Blind* to reality?
- People of “faith” believe the impossible.
- People of “faith” believe that which is contrary to fact.
- People of “faith” believe that which is contrary to evidence.
- People of “faith” ignore reality.

**Habakkuk 2:4 (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:1; Hebrews 10:38)**  
**Hebrews 11:6** – “without *faith* it is impossible to please God”

Whatever “*faith*” is, it is what the disciple of Christ is to live by, so we’d better have a solid understanding of it if we are going to find life that leads to abundance.



## THE ASSURANCE OF FAITH

**Hebrews 11:1** – “Now faith is...”

1. the assurance.
  - a declaration intended to give confidence; promise; guaranty; surety; full confidence; freedom from doubt; certainty; freedom from timidity; boldness.
  - There is a reality of faith which satisfies the intellect because it is founded on reason – historically accurate and scientifically sound! – **intellectual**
  - **Romans 10:17** – “faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ”
  - Faith is based firmly on Jesus as Truth and His Words as the foundation of the way things really are.
  - **1 Corinthians 15:1-14**



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2. the conviction of things unseen .
  - a *fixed or firm belief*.
  - Because faith stands on what is demonstrably true, then when I am asked to believe what I cannot verify, I know the demands of me are consistent with what is true.
  - This reality of faith demands that I surrender my will and believe to be true what I can’t understand or substantiate through history or science – **volitional**
  - **Hebrews 4:2**
  - If Truth does not move one from mere belief to active faith, then it is of no benefit whatsoever.
  - Inactive faith is merely belief. (**James 2:14-26**)



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**John 20:28** – “my Lord and my God”

- “my God” – proof of intellectual faith
- “my Lord” – proof of volitional faith

But what *is* faith?

3. **Hebrews 12:1,2** – “let us...fixing our eyes on Jesus”
  - “fixing our eyes on Jesus”
  - Lit. “looking away *unto* Jesus”
  - Looking away to the foundational Truth of Jesus as Lord and God – everything of Him, nothing of me!
  - “Faith ... is by its very nature scarcely conscious of its own existence. Like the eye which sees everything in front of it and never sees itself, faith is occupied with the Object upon which it rests and pays no attention to itself at all.” (Tozer, *POG*)



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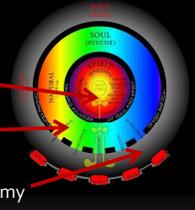
3. Hebrews 12:1,2 – “let us...”

- “the author ... of faith”
- Pioneer, Trailblazer, Captain!
- He blazed a trail for our *justification* before a Holy God!
- “the perfecter of faith”
- It is now Him at work in us (2 Tim 1:12) to complete us – *sanctification*.

“Faith is not in itself a meritorious act; the merit is in the One toward Whom it is directed. Faith is a redirecting of our sight, a getting out of the focus of our own vision and getting God into focus. Sin has twisted our vision inward and made it self-regarding. Unbelief has put self where God should be”  
(Tozer, *POG*)

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Hebrews 10:22



*Author:* Looking away unto Christ for my justification (spirit)

*Perfecter:* Looking away unto Christ for my sanctification (soul)

*Finisher:* Looking away unto Christ for my glorification (body)

*Faith is an active looking away from self and seeing so clearly Who Jesus is as all Truth that our only response becomes yes, my Lord and my God, here am I, send me and use me as you desire.*