

Word of God,  
Written for Man

# The average American believes in God, but...

- Has no respect for His word
- This includes most religious people
- What standard do most appeal to?

**Feelings**

Ac.17:27

Ep.4:19

**Sight**

Everything  
except faith

# I. Way Of Man Is Not In Himself

# There is a difference in . . .

Opinion

Faith

Sight

# There is a difference in . . . [Jesus]

Opinion

Faith

Sight

- Opinion: Mt.16:13-14; 16:22
- Faith: Mt.16:17
- Sight: Mt.16:25

# God's plan of salvation: What must I do?

- **Mystery**. Guesswork is not faith (Col.1:26)
- **Faith** (told what to do) – (Ga.3:23)
- **Sight** (Ro.8:24-25) –
  - “I saw an angel”
  - “God talked to me”
  - “I’ll take my experience...”

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II. Way Is In The Word

# Two choices (Mt.7:13-14)

- Ac.18:25-26, narrow way

Direction

Details

Devotion

- Not even one deviation
  - 1 K.18:21. Opinions divide. . .
  - Jer.10:23. Mt.7:21-23



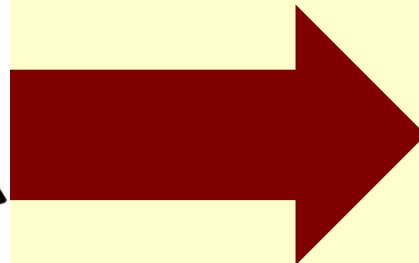
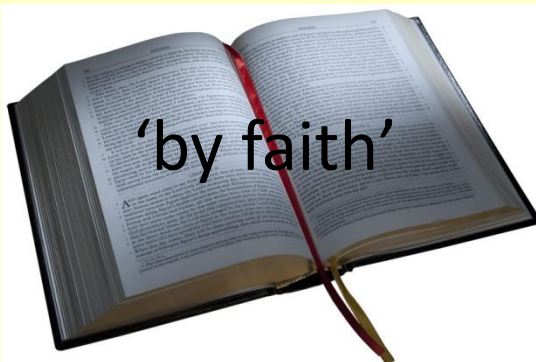
# We must walk by faith

- Ro.1:17, from faith to faith . . .

<sup>1</sup>Righteousness of God (plan to make us righteous) is in the gospel.

<sup>2</sup>This righteousness is revealed to be from (by) faith.

<sup>3</sup>This revelation produces faith.



# Abraham, our example

- Ro.4:11

## 1. Opinion?

- “Sarai, I think God wants us to go to Egypt” – Gn.12
- “Abram, I think God wants you to take Hagar for a wife” – Gn.16
- “My God wants me to be happy” – Mt.19:9

# Abraham, our example

- Ro.4:11
  1. Opinion? Gn.12 / 16 / Mt.19
  2. Faith? Hb.11:8
    - Abraham **fully knew** God wanted him to go to Canaan.
    - God **told** him. (Ro.10:17)

# Abraham, our example

- Ro.4:11
  1. Opinion? Gn.12 / 16 / Mt.19
  2. Faith? Hb.11:8
  3. Sight? Hb.11:13, 39 – future reward

## By sight – 2 Co.5:7

- What we think. Jer.18:12; 23:17
- What others think. Mk.7:5
- What we like. Ro.8:4

By faith – Ro.8:4-5, 12-13

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III. Word Is Revealed In Christ

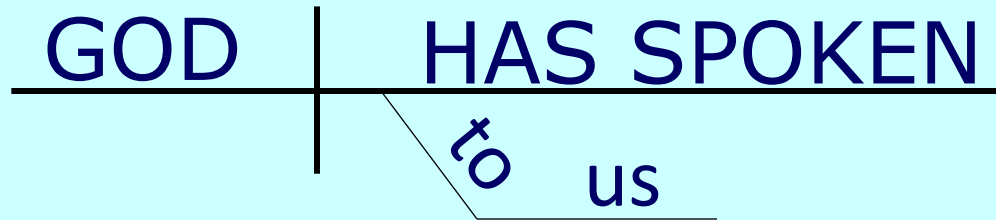
# Hb.1:1-2

## Contrasts:

Times past	Last days
Fathers	Us
Prophets	Son

# Hb.1:1-2

- Main sentence: *God has spoken*



- During childhood age of revelation, God spoke as to children
- Old revelation was perfect at kindergarten level but incomplete



# All we know of God and truth: Word

- Jn.8:31-32; 17:17
- “But the Bible is old”
  - So is English
  - Gn.1:1

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III. Word Is Revealed In Christ

IV. Word Both Spoken & Written

## Spoken: Acts 2

- Peter's audience could not turn in their NT as he preached

Written: 1 Co.14:37; 2 Th.2:15

- If God's will were not written, we would need modern . . .

**PROPHETS**

**PROOFS**

I. Way Of Man Is Not In Himself

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III. Word Is Revealed In Christ

IV. Word Both Spoken & Written

V. God's Revelation Is Complete

2 Tim.3:16-17

2 Peter 1:3

- Ps.84:11
  - Sun. . .Shield
  - Grace. . .No good thing withheld
- John 10:10

Life

Abundance