

# **FACT FAITH & EXPERIENCE**



**Spring 2021**  
**Heartland College**  
**& Family Outing**

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## Session 1: Fact

I. **God has accomplished everything for man. Since everything has been accomplished, certain “facts” exist. And since they are existing “facts,” man does not have to accomplish what has already been accomplished. – 1 John 4:8b-10, 5:13**

A. The Lord Jesus has died and has given to us all His righteousnesses, divine virtues, perfections, victories, and beauties. By these we become the same as He is before God, and God accepts us in the same way that He accepts the Lord. This is what He has given to us. These things are facts from the moment we become Christians. – 1 Cor. 3:21

B. By grace, all of God’s works (facts) are complete through His son Jesus Christ. The New Testament reveals... – Eph 2:8-9

1. We are **SAVED!** HALLELUJAH! (Hebrews 9:12 “...through His own blood, entered once for all...”)

2. We are **JUSTIFIED!** (Gal. 2:6 “...man is not justified out of works of law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, ...”)

3. We are **RECONCILED!** (Rom. 5:10-11 “...we being enemies...much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled...”)

4. We are **REDEEMED!** (Gal. 4:5-7 “That He might redeem those under the law that we might receive the sonship.”) (Luke 15:11-32 “all that is mine is yours.”)

C. Christians possess all of Christ’s work and accomplishments through their union with Him. Believers themselves have no share whatever in its accomplishment. “But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.” – 1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 8:16-17

II. **The facts of God’s word are immutable, unbiased and binding. No one in heaven, or on earth can change it. God is not a liar. His word is true. – John 5:24**

- A. Our belief in the Lord Jesus is not like gambling, winning when we are lucky and losing when we are not lucky. The salvation that comes through believing in the cross of the Lord Jesus is fully guaranteed. We don't have to wait until we die before we know if we are saved or not. We can know this now! – John 3:16; 1John 5:13
- B. There are two ways we may “know” the word of God. Objectively, as the written facts on the page, the “logos”, 1Tim. 2:4 and John 1:1, and subjectively, as the personal revelation of God as the word, the “rhema”, – Phil 3:10.
- C. We cannot have the subjective knowing without first receiving the objective knowing concerning the person of Christ as our salvation (Rom. 5:8-11), guarantee (Heb. 7:22), mediator (Heb. 9:15) promise (1John 2:25), inheritance (Col. 1:12). (verses) and life (John 14:6).

**III. Today we have a new covenant (testament) of which Jesus Christ is both the testator and mediator. This covenant was established by the blood of “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” – Jn 1:29; Heb. 9:15**

- A. Every covenant has its conditions. The old covenant also had its demands. When man came short of these requirements, he sinned. This is why the Lord Jesus had to die on behalf of those in the first covenant and redeem them from their sins. – Rom. 8:2-4
- B. Christ fulfilled all the requirements of the first covenant, terminated it, and initiated the new covenant. – Matt. 5:17
- C. The death and resurrection of Christ happened 20 centuries ago, but the eternal cross remains fresh in its effectiveness and preciousness. – Heb. 10:12
- D. When Christ died on the cross, His blood became our fact. It is what satisfies the Father. Because of the cross, the veil was torn and we now have unlimited access to the Holy of Holies. – Heb. 10:19-20

## Session 2: Faith

### I. What it is

- A. *Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* – Hebrews 11:1
- B. “Cashing in”
- C. The bridge between fact and experience

### II. Where it comes from

- A. *Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith...* – Hebrews 12:2
- B. *...God has apportioned to each of us a measure of faith.* – Romans 12:3
  - 1. *Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ* – 2 Peter 1:1
- C. *So faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.* – Romans 10:17
- D. Our asking
  - 1. *And Jesus said to him...All things are possible to him who believes. Immediately, crying out, the father of the child said, I believe; help my unbelief!* – Mark 9:23-24
- E. Our pursuit
  - 1. *But you, O man of God, flee these things, and **pursue** righteousness, godliness, **faith**, love, endurance, meekness.* – 1 Timothy 6:11
  - 2. *But flee youthful lusts, and **pursue** righteousness, **faith**, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.* – 2 Timothy 2:22
  - 3. *And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, Oh that you would richly bless me and enlarge my border, and that Your hand would be with me, and that You would so keep me from evil that it would not grieve me! And God caused*

what he had requested to come to  
pass. – 1 Chronicles 4:10

**III. What it does**

A. It makes the world of God profitable to us.

1. *For indeed we have had the good news announced to us, even as they also; but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed together with faith in those who heard.* – Hebrews 4:2

2. *And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written... - 2 Corinthians 4:13*

B. It keeps us on the course of our Christian journey.

1. *Holding faith and a good conscience, concerning which some, thrusting these away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;* - 1 Timothy 1:19

C. It indicates the Lord’s return is near.

1. *...Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?* – Luke 18:8

## Session 3: Genuine Christian Experience

I. To understand the value of genuine Christian experience, we must realize that God could just as easily accomplish His eternal goal without us. “We should murmur less when the Holy Spirit prompts us to consecrate. Our consecration and God’s acceptance is God’s condescending to us, elevating us and bestowing His glory upon us” (*Fact, Faith and Experience*, 153)

II. We are the most complex creatures on earth<sup>[1]</sup> but our entire being has been improperly reoriented

A. We have three parts to our being: a spirit, a soul and a body – 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 4:12

1. And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – 1 Thessalonians 5:23

B. The entire Triune God lives inside of us

1. *Even* the **Spirit of reality**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know *Him*; *but* you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you...In that day you will know that I [**the Son**] am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and **My Father** will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him. – John 14:17, 20, 23b

A. Our being has been reoriented by the fall

1. The God-ordained man has as his center his spirit; it controls his whole being. It controls his soul and his body. This man lives totally for God and the emotions of his soul and demands of his body are headed up by his spirit. They are all for glorifying and worshipping God

2. The fallen man’s spirit is subject to the soul and the soul is controlled by its many senses. The body has many abnormal cravings and lusts which entice the soul. Originally, the spirit took the lead; now the body takes the lead to satisfy its lusts

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<sup>1</sup> For a full study on the tripartite man, visit [www.tripartiteman.org](http://www.tripartiteman.org)

III. **“The more spiritual knowledge a man has, the easier it is for the Spirit to lead him. The devil is the authority of *darkness*; he utilizes darkness, loves darkness and wants to keep man in darkness” (p129) – Eph. 5:8**

A. For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light – Eph. 5:8; cf. 1 Cor. 2:12; 1 Jn. 5:13

IV. **“Experience is a matter of life; it is not an idea. Mental thoughts can provide man with many beautiful notions. However, only experience can provide man with a well-developed human life” (p137)**

A. For though you have ten thousand guides in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers... – 1 Cor. 4:15a; cf. Eph. 2:10

V. **“If we are calm in our mind, we will have a very clear understanding and accurate evaluation concerning everything” (p134)**

A. For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart – Heb. 4:12; cf. Phil. 2:5

VI. **“The present question is not whether or not a biblical teaching is essential. If it is included in the Bible, it surely is essential. The question is whether or not the saints will honor God’s glory and His will” (p142)**

A. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, Until heaven and earth pass away, one iota or one serif shall by no means pass away from the law until all come to pass – Matt. 5:17-18

VII. **“The conscience is God’s voice of righteousness within man. It is a part of the spirit, and its function is to rebuke everything that is not of God and against righteousness” (p146)**

A. Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men – Acts 24:16; cf. Rom 9:1

VIII. **“God’s needs must be met, but who will meet them? Who will step forward to preach His word and who will fill up God’s glory? If you do not step forward, do not think that God will be short of help. He will raise up others. But it will be a pity that *you* will not be able to share in the glory” (p155)**