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OWNING YOUR FAITH

By Landon Hughes

The Apostle Peter issues a dramatic but serious challenge to all Christians when he writes, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).

An inevitable challenge that we all face today is the questioning of our faith from other inquiring souls. If someone were to ask us why we believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, could we give a clear, confident explanation of the “reason of the hope that is in (us)” or would we instead have to refer him to our local preacher?

The first component of our faith is that it must be based on God’s word. The writer of Hebrews defines faith: “Now faith is the *substance* of things hoped for; the *evidence* of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Instead of a tangible “substance” or “evidence” we can see or experience, we have a firm conviction of the fact that God and Jesus are real—that is, we believe beyond doubt that they exist. Our evidence, of course, must come from the scriptures; only then can we know our faith in God is real because it is built upon the truth found in His word. When that is the case, it is a faith that will guide us through this world on our journey to Heaven.

Another component that is necessary is that we must personally *own our faith*. In other words, we have to know the word—we have to know *why* we believe what we believe. For us to own our faith, it cannot be based upon what everyone else believes, whether it be our friends, our parents, or anyone else: it must be a conviction in our own heart.

This assurance of faith isn’t something we develop by simply sitting in a church pew occasionally. Nor can we develop it by studying only certain parts of God’s word with which we agree while ignoring the parts that may challenge our lifestyles. Paul warns of this dangerous mindset in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, where he writes, “For the time will come when they will not endure *sound* doctrine; but after their *own* lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the *truth*, and shall be turned unto *fables*.”

It is essential for Christians to own their faith and

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heed the same warning Paul gives to Timothy. False doctrines are as prevalent in our world today as they were in Timothy's day. Christians must be able to identify truth from fables and know false doctrine when they hear it. Paul also tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, ... rightly dividing the word of truth." By diligently studying the word of God, we as Christians can rightly divide it for ourselves, and then we will be able to explain the reasons we believe what we believe.

Just as Paul writes in Ephesians 4:16, our faith in God is our greatest line of defense in our struggle against Satan. Paul says, "Above all, taking the *shield of faith*, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Our shield of faith is what we get behind to protect ourselves from false doctrine, temptations, doubts, hardships, and all the fiery darts Satan uses. There will certainly come a time in all of our lives where we have to face these attacks from our adversary; and our parents, our preacher, and our friends from church won't be there to help us. If we don't have our own, personal shield of faith to protect us, we won't be able to withstand the devil.

Ask yourself today *why* I believe what I believe. Why do I attend the church I attend, why do I worship the way I do, why do I live the way I live, and why do I practice the things I practice? Can we defend all of our beliefs with God's Word? A worthy goal for every Christian is to have a ready answer for every man. We must not live off the faith of other people nor believe whatever others tell us. We must take *ownership* of our own faith today.



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