



# DEFINING OUR FAITH

## THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BEING

# WORLD'S PERCEPTION OF FAITH

- Faith is Blind.
  - Having faith DESPITE evidence
  - Having faith when there is no proof (dictionary definition)
- There is Emphasis on Answers/Understanding
  - We don't have all the answers
  - There's a difference between knowledge and understanding – How vs. Why

# CHRISTIAN FAITH

- Christian faith is NOT blind. God never asks us for blind faith.
- We have proof; the evidence is discovered even to this day.
  - Historical
  - Biological
  - Archaeological/Geological
  - Literary
  - Sociological/Cultural

# BIBLICAL FAITH

- Faith reveals God's righteousness.
  - Romans 1:17; 3:22
- Faith is how I'm justified.
  - Galatians 2:16
- Faith is how Christ dwells in our hearts.
  - Ephesians 3:17
- Faith is based on what we haven't seen, yet know.
  - Hebrews 11:1

# BIBLICAL FAITH

- Faith makes us DO.
  - James 2:14-26
  - Hebrews 11
  - Habakkuk 2:4
  - Matthew 8:8-13
  - Mark 2:3-13
  - Luke 17:12-19

# PRACTICALITY

- Your faith cannot and should not be blind. The evidence is there for all to find and see for themselves.
- Don't just search for knowledge, but seek to understand that knowledge. This also applies to scripture.
- Faith is at the center of who we are. It's how we understand God, understand the world around us, understand our relationships to everyone else, and understand the price it took for our salvation, and the subsequent price we must pay.