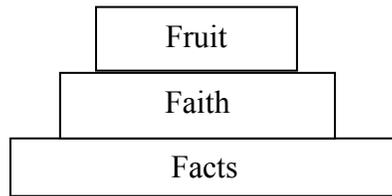


Accepted!

The relationship between faith and facts:

NOT Faith vs. Facts

BUT Faith in the Facts



Two questions that the believer must settle:

Does God fully accept me?
If so, on what basis does he do so?

Compare and Contrast (Three steps):

1. False gods worshipped throughout history
Daniel 2:10
2. God of the Old Testament
Exodus 19:10-19
3. God of the New Testament
Hebrews 4:14-16

Who Cares?

Who are you? One of two people...

The truth:

There is no condemnation for me (Rom 8:1)
I am accepted in the One He loves (Eph 1:6)
I have been blessed with all spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)
I am light in the Lord (Eph 5:8)
I have eternal life (John 5:24)
I have forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7)
I am redeemed from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13)
I am a son of God (Gal 4:5-7)
I am an heir of God and joint heir with Christ (Rom 8:17)
I am a new creature in Christ (II Cor 5:17)
I am FREE (Gal 5:1)

Thoughts from Newell:

- a. *“To believe and to consent to be loved while unworthy is the great secret.”*
- b. *“To hope to be better (hence acceptable) is to fail to see yourself in Christ only.”*
- c. *“To be disappointed with yourself is to have believed in yourself”*
- d. *“To be proud is to be blind! For we have no standing before God in ourselves.”*

Christ provides freedom from all that we were in our old selves, now we have a choice, do we present ourselves to God as the old self trying to clean ourselves up, always hoping to be better tomorrow, or do we present ourselves in Christ, with His righteousness with an understanding of the acceptance that brings?