



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Christian's life in the modern
world

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1. RELIGION/CHRISTIANITY

1.1 Faith

Latin: '*fides*' = 'TRUST'

It includes 3 areas:

Knowledge

Belief: in the truth based in Divine Revelation

Personal Trust in GOD

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1.1 Faith – according to Apostle Paul

“Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things **not seen.**” Hebrews 11:1

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” Romans 10:17

“And without **faith** it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must **believe** that He exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

“For we walk by **faith** not by sight” 2 Corinthians 5:7

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1.1 Faith – in the Old Testament

Old Testament faith is no easy matter

Abraham: Prime example of old testament fathers (Genesis 12 - 24)

At around 75 years of age was told by God to **'Go from your land and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I shall show you'**

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‘And I shall make you into a great nation, and I shall bless you,
I shall make your name great, and it shall be a blessing.
I shall bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you
And all the clans/people of the earth shall be blessed because of you’.

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‘And Abraham **WENT**’ vs 4

CHAPTER 15

“What can you give me since I am childless?... You have given me no children” vs 1-3

‘**a son who is your own flesh and blood shall be your heir**’ vs 4

Abraham **believed** in the LORD and he credited it to him as righteousness. Vs 6

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CHAPTER 22

Test of Abraham's faith

'Take, please, your son, your beloved, whom you have, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a sacrifice' vs 2

"Abraham.. Got up loaded his donkey.. And the two of them went"

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“Where is the sheep/lamb for sacrifice” vs 7

“God will provide” vs 8

AND **GOD** provided!

Issac's life was spared, and Abraham's faith was exercised at a price!

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Source of Faith:

1. Logos: the written revelation from GOD
2. Rhema: the spoken revelation from GOD – (e.g. Moses)
3. Experience: Personal intervention of GOD – (e.g. Abraham)