

Convinced Without Proof – The Work of the Holy Spirit

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- You can be convinced of the existence of God even though you have no proof of the existence of God. The Holy Spirit does this within the born again spirit. "Proof" is actually a limited experience.
- Being convinced goes beyond the natural mind and touches the soul and the spirit of a person. This is deeper than surface level viewing of the world and life.
- Jesus Christ ministers to all 3 areas of a person by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
- To just have a natural "proof" as in all of creation doesn't convince everyone in their hearts to repent and be born again, but an experience with God can turn the most wicked into a Believer.
- Discernment moves a person beyond reasoning and provides a knowing that only seeing cannot produce. *The Work of the Holy Spirit*
- Many people struggle with the idea of believing in God because they want tangible, scientific, or natural proof. However, the reality of God's existence goes beyond physical evidence.
- You can be convinced of the existence of God even though you have no proof, because true conviction is a work of the Holy Spirit within the born-again spirit.

1. Proof is Limited, but Conviction is Transformational

Hebrews 11:1, 6 – "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." ... "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

- We must believe that God is there, and that He will reveal Himself to the seeking heart.
- As we release faith, God gives back. That's what 11:6 means.
- Several times throughout Hebrews 11 we see the phrase " **by faith we understand** "...
- Proof is based on the five senses; it is limited to what can be seen, touched, or measured. Faith, however, is a spiritual substance that transcends the natural.
- **Faith** is the "sense" that gives us evidence of the invisible, spiritual world.
- The Pharisees saw Jesus perform miracles yet did not believe (John 12:37). This shows that physical proof alone does not create faith in the heart.

2. The Holy Spirit Convinces Beyond the Natural Mind

John 16:8 – "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

- Conviction is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that moves beyond the intellectual and into the heart.

1 Corinthians 2:14 – "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

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- The ability to "know" God is given by the Spirit, not by mere human reasoning or evidence.
- Faith doesn't contradict natural conclusions, it has its reasons that go beyond natural conclusions.

3. Jesus Ministers to the Whole Person (Spirit, Soul, and Body)

1 Thessalonians 5:23 – "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- The Spirit of God regenerates our dead spirit, giving us true life (**Titus 3:5**).
- The soul (mind, will, and emotions) is transformed through the renewing of the mind (**Romans 12:2**).
- The body is healed, sustained, and ultimately will be resurrected (**Philippians 3:21**).
- Faith is the spiritual "organ" that enables us to see the spiritual order, just as the eyes enable us to view the natural.
- Modern science has created equipment that can detect sights and sounds that the human eyes and ears cannot. Why can't God?

4. An Experience with God Brings True Conversion

- **Acts 9:3-6** shows that Saul (Paul) was convinced not by logical arguments but by an encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus.
- **John 4:28-30** shows the Samaritan woman at the well was convinced not merely by Jesus' words but by an encounter that changed her life.
- **Testimony of personal encounters:** Every born-again believer has had a supernatural experience, whether a deep peace, a moment of conviction, or an undeniable encounter with the love of God.

5. Discernment Moves Beyond Reasoning

1John 2:20 – "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."

- Discernment is the inner knowing given by the Holy Spirit.
- **Matthew 16:15-17** – Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say I am?" Peter's revelation that Jesus was the Christ came not from human reasoning but from the Father.

- Seeing alone is not enough. Many saw Jesus but rejected Him. True belief comes from revelation by the Spirit.
- We do not believe in God merely because of external evidence; we believe because the Holy Spirit has revealed Him to us in a way that natural proof never could.
- The work of God is to convict, convince, and transform lives beyond the limits of human reasoning. If proof alone were enough, all would believe.
- But it takes an encounter with God, a conviction by the Holy Spirit, and a revelation that touches the depths of the spirit.

Today, if you sense that conviction in your heart, yield to the Spirit of God, and let Him bring you into the reality of true faith.



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