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by reading what has been written in scripture (John 20:24-31). Paul expects us to see the unseen by focusing on the life to come (2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:7). And the Hebrew writer expects us to see the unseen by having faith (Hebrews 11:1-3).

So, how can we see the unseen? Well, let me suggest a few things. In addition to the Bible evidence that you already have, you can do a few things. You can speak up without fear and tell others what you believe (1 Peter 3:15). You can set your goal on the unseen, not the seen, to get you through life – “walk by faith, not by sight” (Colossians 3:1-2; 1 John 2:17).

What else can you do? You can maintain hope and patient endurance in the midst of suffering (Romans 8:24-25; Titus 2:13). You can maintain love for your brethren (1 John 4:20).

Many today refuse to see the unseen because if they did they would have to change their life. Let me encourage you to see the unseen today through the “eye of faith” and be obedient to God’s word (Hebrews 2:3). There is great reward in seeing the unseen. Try it today!

- Chris Reeves -

- Thought of the Week -

What do I get out of going to a funeral? If I were to take time to go to a funeral that was not a part of my own family, would I benefit from that? If I took off work or changed my schedule in some way to go, would I be helped? Yes. Absolutely. I would be reminded of my own mortality. I would see emotions and be reminded of how to love and care for others. I would hear God’s word. I would weep with those who weep. Indeed, it is better to go to the “house of mourning” (Ecclesiastes 7:2).

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Seeing the Unseen

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
- Hebrews 11:27 -

The author of Hebrews, writing about the faith of Moses, said that Moses saw him [God] who is invisible. How in the world could Moses see someone who is invisible? How do you see the unseen? That is the subject of today's article.

Why do Christians believe in persons they cannot see? Why do they believe in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, and the devil?

Why do Christians believe in places they cannot see? Why do they believe in heaven and hell? Why do Christians sing: "I love to tell the story of unseen things above...?"

Why do Christians believe in events they cannot see? Why do they believe in the miracles of the Bible, the death of Jesus, or the resurrection of Jesus?

Why do Christians believe in ideas they cannot see? Why do they believe in forgiveness of sins and answered prayer?

Well, in order to answer all those questions, we need to consider a few things. Before you dismiss Christians for believing in the unseen, ask yourself: "Do I believe in anything that I cannot directly see with the eye?" There are actually things you believe in that you cannot see.

Do you believe in gravity, magnetism, electricity, or the wind? Yes, but you don't believe in those things because you can see them with the eye.

Do you believe in thoughts, emotions, or memories? Yes, but you don't see those things with the eye.

So then, why do we believe in things that we don't see with the eye? We believe in things we cannot see because of some form of evidence for their existence.

For example, you don't see gravity itself, but you see something fall when you let go of it. You don't see the magnetic force between two magnets, but you see the two magnets come together. You don't see electricity, but you feel it when you get shocked. You don't see the wind itself, but you see it moving objects around.

The same is true for Bible matters and spiritual relationships. We have the evi-

dence for their existence. Jesus said we have evidence that the winds blow (John 3:8) and Paul wrote that we have the evidence of a divine Creator (Romans 1:20).

One of the main types of evidence for Bible matters is eye-witness testimony concerning their existence. Individuals, living in Bible times and guided by the Holy Spirit, wrote down what they saw and heard (John 12:10,17; 15:27; 19:35; 21:24; Acts 10:39; 1 Corinthians 15:5-8; 2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1-4; Revelation 1:2).

Believing in something that you do not see with the eye is not foolish and it's not uncommon. Noah did it when he built the ark (Hebrews 11:7). Abraham did it when he left his homeland (Hebrews 11:8-16). Moses did it when he chose to leave Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-27). And Jesus did it when he went to the cross (Hebrews 12:2).

Early Christians believed in Jesus when they had not seen Jesus (1 Peter 1:8) and we must do the same today. This "seeing the unseen" is not something that is impossible to do. It is not a bar too high to reach.

Jesus expects us to see the unseen