

7 Wonders of the World
Part #5 - "What's Keeping us from Believing?"
Sunday May 20, 2007 – Pastor Dave Larmour

A. Reasons why certain people struggle to believe...

- a. We are disillusioned with other Christians
√ 1 Peter 2: 12
- b. We are disappointed with God
√ Matthew 26:56; Psalm 10:1
- c. We are distracted by our 5 senses
√ John 20:25
- d. We are disconnected by the moral claim he makes over our lives

B. Evidence which is 'beyond a reasonable doubt' ...

- √ 1 Peter 3:15; Isaiah 1:18
- a. Argument from Design

"Where there is design, there must be a designer." (Peter Kreeft)
- b. Argument from First Cause
(Genesis 1:1)

"Everything needs an explanation"
(Peter Kreeft)

"I felt in my bones that this universe does not explain itself." (C.S. Lewis)

- c. Argument from Conscience
(Acts 24:16; Titus 1:15)

√ God's voice in the soul.
- d. Argument from Pascal's Wager
(Luke 12:4-5)
- e. Argument from the Transformed Life
(1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

C. Moving from Unbelief to Saving Faith ...

- a. Creed – Requires a truth-filled belief
- b. Consecration – Demands a personal choice to follow
- c. Community – Invites us to belong to a family
- d. Convince – Empowers us to show the world

Moving Across the Line of Faith ...
Savior – Lord = Cheap Grace
Lord + Savior = Transforming Grace