



## Lesson 1: Introduction to Evidences

Do you believe that God exists? Do you believe that the Bible is His word? Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son? If you believe these things, *why* do you believe them? Is it just because your parents or friends believe? If your faith is only based on what your parents or friends believe, how is it different from the faith of a Muslim in Saudi Arabia or a Hindu in India?

This series of lessons is designed to present evidence for believing in God, the inspiration of the Bible, and the identity of Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Your faith in these truths should rest on evidence which has been provided by God Himself.

1. Look up and give the definition of "evidence".
2. What kinds of evidence are presented in a courtroom to determine a person's guilt or innocence?
  - Courtroom evidence is evaluated to determine facts based upon the most *reasonable* interpretation of the evidence. How does this kind of evidence differ from *scientific proof*?
3. What is *faith*, *belief* or *knowledge* to be based on according to the following verses:
  - John 19:35
  - John 20:30-31
  - Luke 1:1-4
  - Acts 10:39-43
  - Acts 14:15-17
4. Timothy's faith had been passed down from his mother and grandmother, but was it solely based on what they had taught him? (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15)
5. What are we *defend* and *contend for* according to the following verses:
  - Jude 3
  - 1 Peter 3:15
  - Philippians 1:16-17
  - Based on these verses, do you believe that you have a personal obligation to provide evidence for your faith?
6. Do we have a responsibility to answer questions about our faith from those outside of Christ? (Colossians 4:4-5)
  - Has anyone every questioned you about your faith in God, the Bible or Jesus, or have you ever tried to explain to someone your reasons for believing?
  - If so, be prepared to tell what happened in class.

7. Look up and give the definition of “apologetics”.