

Eyewitness of Majesty

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” 2 Peter 1:16

Faith in Jesus Christ is not that of extreme wishful thinking or a naïve acceptance of a nice sounding fairy-tale. I have heard many people speak about it in such a way. Faith, in the Christian sense, is not blind. When we say we have faith in Christ, or that we trust God, there lies underneath a foundation of truth, evidence, and kept promises. In the same way, each time I sit down on a chair, I exhibit faith, that the chair will not collapse underneath me. Why? Well, because it has done so many times before, it has kept its promise of being a chair time and time again. And this is backed up by mathematical fact. This is the Faith that we have in Jesus Christ - it is an action and it acts upon a solid foundation. God has time and time again kept his promises which are backed up by historical evidence and the truth of His existence is woven into the very fabric of the universe.

My non-Christian friends would have me believe this foundation is shaky, or that dealing in such absolutes isn't possible with faith and religion - that all paths lead to the same mountain top. I don't believe that this is true. What Christianity has to offer is not only truth itself, but that of God become flesh, to free us from a captivity that is impossible for us ourselves to escape. The claim is unique and exclusive. Simeon Peter was an eyewitness to this, being one of the twelve disciples, he saw Jesus Christ as he lived and breathed upon this earth - he was witness to his majesty, as he writes in his second letter. This majesty is that of the living God, creator of all things, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. We must remember that we lay claim to the truth, and that we find our faith rooted that truth - Jesus Christ. Though we cannot see God, nor were we in Israel 2000 years ago, Jesus is revealed to us through the pages of Scripture and given to us by historical eyewitness accounts, of whom Peter is one. We therefore have become witnesses to His majesty and by faith we look forward to a day when Christ shall return in power.

Be steadfast, for we do not follow cleverly devised myths.