#### The Witness / Testimony of Men

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#### God Demands – Evaluate and Assess

- What is the "Testimony/Witness of men?"
- How do we "receive" that testimony/witness?

We call this testimony deductive reasoning

## The Testimony of Men

- In the Courts
- In the Hospitals
- The Auto Shop
- In Technology
- In Engineering
- In the Schools
- In Cooking
- On & on & on...

- Prosecution / Defense
- Doctors & Diagnosis
- Mechanic car problems
- Software engineers deduce
- Study physics/Chemistry
- Seeking a breakthrough
- history, geography anatomy
- Chef's and ingredients
- Any hobby/occupation using deduction.
- Once solved: Elementary my dear Watson!

How inventors, explorers, archeologists, doctors chemists, detectives, lawyers,

Search mysteries of the sea, earth, universe, physics, chemistry, humanity, technology.

Find amazing "secrets" that bring such wonderful advances in human knowledge.

Has taken things that exist, deduced it could be done, then created an imitation:"

Sight

Sound

Brain

Circulatory System

Lightning

Nervous System

Camera; TV;

Radio; Phone;

Computer

Water/Sewer

Electricity

Electrical Grid

#### **Everyone Receives Testimony of Men**

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- **Police solve Crime**
- Doctors Diagnose Illness
- Prosecutor Convicts
- Defense Acquits
- Inventor Creates
- Archeologist Discovers
- Engineers Devise
- Appraisers Assess Value

#### The Confidence of Saving Faith

- And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Rom 4:19-25
- Is this the confidence of our faith?
- onot written for his sake alone that it was imputed ... It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

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# God's Testimony: Identical - Yet Greater

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Heb 11:1-3

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And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30-31

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Pet 1:16-19

#### **Eye Witness Testimony**

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 2 Peter 1:16-18

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17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom 10:17

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#### Evidence

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. In 6:44-45

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#### The Truth will Make you Free

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32

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#### Jesus of Nazareth – Man Approved

- Mighty Works Wonders and Signs
- You Killed Him
- God Raised Him
  - Prophecy 12 Eyewitnesses
- At the Right Hand of God Exalted
  - Prophecy What they saw and heard tongues of fire on each of them, mighty wind, preaching in languages they didn't know.
- Let All know assuredly God has made Him Lord and Christ

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## Clearly Seen Through What is Made

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <u>Rom 1:20-21</u>

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- Lawyers
- Doctors
- Detectives
- Inventors
- Explorers
- Food
- Medicine
- News

#### The Witness of God is Greater

- God is
- Rom 1:18ff Things that are made
- Jesus is God's Son
- Prophesy; Resurrection; Miracles; Eye Witness Testimony Acts 2
- Bible is God's Perfect Inspired Word
- Prophesy; Accuracy; Miracles; Longevity;