

EVIDENCE FOR BIBLICAL RELIABILITY

POWERPOINT NOTES

Slide #1 EVIDENCE ... - Blank

Slide #2 EVIDENCE ... - There are 2 Parts to this presentation:

Slide #3 WHY GO TO CHURCH - 1st **let me ask – Why do we go to Church?**
Our Answer should be something like:

Slide #4 WHY GO TO CHURCH - To **Praise God** – to Worship God and Thank God publicly as a **congregation of believers**

Slide #5 WHY GO TO CHURCH - To **Learn about God's Word** – learn about the **Bible** and what it **means** and how it **applies to our lives, &**

Slide #6 WHY GO TO CHURCH - To **Encourage Each Other** – here @ **Church** we can teach, encourage, help, and comfort each other.

Slide # 7 PURPOSE ... - This lecture and all my CDs and articles are intended to **Praise God**, Teach about **God's Word**, and Encourage Each Other in our Christian Faith.

I give **glory to God** for His guiding me to learn and **share what I've learned**.

Also I pray that this information will give you better understanding **of God and His word**, and help you encourage others.

Slide #8 INFO ... - This lecture is a **summary** of information which I have collected for **over ten years** on biblical reliability .

In 2009 & 2010 I put 150 Articles, most of what I have learned, on a **blog site** on the internet **and on an article CD**.

I also recorded a 2 ½ hour long **audio CD** in Dec. 2010 which summarizes 40 of these biblical reliability articles.

This lecture today is a summary of the **audio CD**.

These **CDs** will be FREE for you to copy, and I'm giving a copy of each to your church.

Slide #9 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL RELIABILITY (?)-So, why have I collected evidences for biblical reliability?
How important is it to prove the reliability of the Bible?

“What does it matter what we believe about the reliability of the Bible?”

“What is the big deal?”

Slide #10 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL RELIABILITY (His Word) - Well, for me, it's all about **the authority of God** and His word. Is the **Bible trustworthy**? Can we **trust what it says**? Is it truly **God-inspired**, or is it just a collection of men's ideas?

Slide #11 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL RELIABILITY (founding fathers) - The founding fathers of our country believed in the moral laws and teachings of the Bible.

Our society was founded and built on a strong Christian foundation - its laws, morals, and doctrines.

The Bible was looked upon as **“The” authority** for moral law. But over the past few decades, liberal minds have been successfully removing the Bible from **our schools and our government**. They no longer want to use the Bible as our ultimate authority, instead they have been replacing it with man’s opinion.

Slide #12 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL RELIABILITY (Trust ...)- Trust in the Bible is being questioned, as the authority of God is being replaced by **the authority of man**. Even many Christians are compromising the teachings in the Bible with **popular secular beliefs**.

Therefore many non-Christians are doubting the reliability and truth of the Bible since many Christians no longer believe that the **Bible is entirely true**. It is difficult for non-Christians to understand the meaning of **the gospel of Jesus Christ**, when they do not even believe that God exists or that the teachings in the Bible **are really reliable**.

Slide #13 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL RELIABILITY (70-75%)- I have heard it said that **70-75%** of children brought up in Christian homes will lose their faith by the first year of college. Also it has been said that only 9% of adults and less than 1% of teens have a **Biblical World-View** believing that Jesus lived a sinless life, and was truly **resurrected from the dead**, that hell exists, that God really created the world, that absolute morals exists, and so on. Many people are taught in church about the **gospel of Jesus**, God’s love for us, Church doctrine and **Bible lessons**, but they are **never** shown how truly reliable the Bible is.

Slide #14 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL RELIABILITY (70-75%)- They **never** develop a strong foundation for the truth of the Bible. Therefore when they are confronted later by liberal professors and/or students with different beliefs, they do not **know what to really believe**. Often these professors and/or students are well prepared with their convincing arguments and literature. But since the Christian has never been shown information which overwhelmingly supports their Christian faith, they often begin to doubt **their own faith** and begin to accept the other person’s views, whether it be atheism, agnosticism or a different religion. Many begin to believe whatever feels good to them and supports **their chosen lifestyle**.

Slide #15 PART 1 - So let’s look at some evidences for biblical reliability

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To Shape your Acceptance of the Bible, let’s Study the SHAPES for Biblical Reliability:

S.H.A.P.E.S. stands for evidence from **Science, History, Archaeology, Prophecy fulfillment, Epistles or Manuscript preservation and Structure & Statistics**.

Slide #17 SCREEN ONLY

Slide #18 THE STRUCTURAL ... - So 1st we will look at: The Structural & Statistical Evidence for Biblical Reliability

The Bible is unparalleled in its structure. It is unlike any other book in its structure.

Slide #19 EVIDENCE FROM ... - The Bible is a **History** book about **His Story**. Jesus Himself testified that He was the theme of **the entire Bible**.

The Bible is uniquely compiled of **66 different books** which compliment each other as one cohesive book.

THINK ABOUT THIS. If **Ten people** today who are about the **same age** & from the **same town** were asked to write on only one controversial subject, they would have trouble agreeing with each other. But,

Slide #20 EVIDENCE FROM ... - The Bible stands alone. It was written over a period of **more than 1500 years** by more than 40 **authors** from all walks of life. They were from over **19 different lifestyles**. Some were fishermen; some were politicians. Others were generals or kings, shepherds or historians. They were from 3 different continents (**Africa, Asia and Europe**) and wrote in three different languages (**Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek**).

They wrote on hundreds of **controversial subjects** yet they wrote with agreement and harmony. They wrote in dungeons, in temples, on beaches, and on hillsides, during peacetime and during war. Yet their words sound like they came from the same source.

Slide #21 THE EPISTLE - When the Bible says that it is **inerrant** it means that the **original “God-inspired” scriptures** were inerrant, containing NO errors.

But How can we know if the original manuscripts of the Bible have been **accurately transmitted to us**?

Slide #22 EVIDENCE FROM EPISTLE - The Bible text is far more accurately preserved than any other text **of ancient history**. Although we do not have any original text, manuscript copies of the Bible are far more numerous, far more accurate, and written far closer to the original manuscripts than any other comparable writings **from the ancient world**, such as *The Iliad* by Homer.

Slide #23 EVIDENCE FROM EPISTLE - The Bible was written on material **that deteriorates**, so it had to be copied and recopied by hand for hundreds of years before the invention **of the printing press**. This copying did not diminish the accuracy of the original Hebrew Bible because of the unique nature of **the copying process**.

The Jews preserved Scripture as no other manuscript has ever been preserved. They meticulously kept track of every letter, syllable, word, sentence, and paragraph by counting each separate division, on every page, and comparing all of the tallies with the original before allowing the page **to be put into use**. Scribes, lawyers, and massorettes were special classes of men within Jewish culture whose sole duty was to preserve and transmit these documents **with perfect fidelity**.

Slide #24 THE 1947 ... - In a cliff-top cave of the northwest rim of the Dead Sea, at **Qumran**, a broken jar yielded documents that had been hidden by a **monastic** religious community **for 2,000 years**.

Slide #25 THE 1947 ... DEMONSTRATED - The 1947 discovery of **the Dead Sea Scrolls** demonstrated unequivocally the fact that the Jews were faithful in their transcription **of Biblical manuscripts**. Previous to the Dead Sea Scrolls, the earliest known manuscript of the Old Testament was the **Masoretic Text** (dating about 900 A.D.). The Dead Sea Scrolls eclipse this text, and others, by **1,000 years** and provide little reason to question their reliability, and further, present only confidence for the text. The beauty of the Dead Sea Scrolls lies in the close match they have with the **Masoretic text**. These Dead Sea Scrolls have demonstrated how reliable are the copies of our Bible and how well preserved were the original text through the centuries.

Slide #26 EVIDENCE FROM EPISTLE - (**READ SCREEN – 1st Section**), then

The Bible we have today has been translated a few times and does contain **an occasional error**, but we believe that the Holy Spirit, who wrote **the original manuscripts** through men, has also **guided and preserved** its integrity through centuries of copying and translating.

Slide #27 PROPHETIC EVIDENCES - Now let's look at Prophetic evidence, its Fulfillment, Accuracy and Predictive Ability.

Slide #28 EVIDENCE FROM FULFILLED PROPHECY (27%) - Approximately 27% of the entire Bible contains **prophetic material**.

There are remarkable evidences of hundreds of Bible prophecies having been fulfilled, specifically and meticulously, often long after the prophetic writer **had passed away**.

The Bible records very specific, detailed predictions of events that could not be known or predicted by chance, good guessing or common sense.

Slide #29 EVIDENCE FROM FULFILLED PROPHECY (Psalm 22) - For example: Psalm 22, written about 1000 BC, is an amazing prophecy that describes the **crucifixion of Christ**, 1000 years before His death. It describes in graphic detail the sufferings of Christ, long before death by crucifixion was even known or practiced by the **Romans or Jews**.

Slide #30 3 Cross Picture – (No Notes)

Slide #31 EVIDENCE FROM FULFILLED PROPHECY (The predictive...) - READ SCREEN

Slide #32 EVIDENCE FROM FULFILLED PROPHECY (The Bible...) - READ SCREEN, Then:

Think about this: With the fulfillment of so many biblical prophecies in the past, we must take the predictions **of future events** in the Bible as serious, and expect them to also happen just as they are written.

Slide #33 ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCES - Now we'll take a look at how Archaeological Evidences support the Bible:

Many archaeological findings confirm in clear outline or exact detail thousands of historical statements in the Bible such as specific

Places - Persons and Events

Slide #34 EVIDENCE FROM ARCHAEOLOGY (After) - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #35 EVIDENCE FROM ARCHAEOLOGY (In General) - Read SCREEN, then:

The Bible is even being used **now as a reference** to locate cities in the Bible which are **now lost and buried**.

Slide #36 EVIDENCE FROM ARCHAEOLOGY (For Example) - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #37 EVIDENCE FROM ARCHAEOLOGY (It has been said) - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #38 HISTORICAL EVIDENCES - Now let's look at Historical evidence:

The worldwide flood is a fact of the past as revealed by archaeology, geology, **and the Bible**.

Archaeologists have found flood stories in the form of inscriptions made on **monuments and tablets**.

Today nearly all cultures of different people groups around the world have similar historical stories of an all-destroying flood with only a few people saved on **a floating vessel**.

Slide #39 EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY - Even the ancient Chinese character for **"boat" or "ship"** is a combination of **3 symbols** which are: "a vessel or container", "the number eight", and "mouths or people."

Therefore the character for “**ship**” in ancient Chinese was “**eight people on a vessel,**” just as there were 8 people on Noah’s Ark.

Slide #40 PEOPLE SCATTER - What does evidence from Ancient Civilizations tell us?

If a great flood did wipe out everything on the earth **about 5,000 years ago**, as the Bible states, then the oldest human records should only date back **about 5,000 years**.

This is exactly what we find.

Slide #41 EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY (5,000 years)- SCREEN ONLY

Slide #42 EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY (growth rate)- Think about this. The present growth rate of the human population is nearly 2% per year and the present population is about 6 billion people.

At the rate of 2% per year, 6 billion people could have been generated in **only 1,100 years!**

But at a conservative growth rate of only ½% per year, to account for wars, plagues, and natural disasters, the present human population could have been reached in **only 4,000 to 5,000 years**, which coincides nicely with our population starting after Noah’s flood.

Slide #43 EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY (If man) - Imagine what the population of man would be, if man really had first appeared over one million years ago, as the theory of evolution predicts, and grew at a rate of **only ½% per year**.

It has been estimated that at even a much lower rate there would be more people on earth than there are atoms in **the entire universe**.

Slide #44 EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY (historic accuracy)- **READ SCREEN**, Then:

For example: the British Kings can trace their families back to Japheth, one of Noah’s sons.

Slide #45 EVIDENCE FROM HISTORY (Many ...)- **READ SCREEN**, Then:

Skeptics used to believe that the Bible was wrong about its 40+ references to the **Hittite Empire** since there was no evidence to support it. But about 100 years ago the discovery of a 10,000 clay tablet library confirmed the **vast Hittite Empire**. So just because we have not found evidence for something **written in the Bible**, it does not mean that the **Bible is wrong**. The Bible was written by the all-knowing God and given enough time, evidence is often found. Archaeology continues to **confirm biblical history**.

Slide #46 SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCES - Now let’s look at just a few of the evidences from SCIENCE, which support the Reliability of the Bible:

Slide #47 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (medical facts) - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #48 MOSES & 3 PICTURES - Acts 7:22 states that, “Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians...”, but he did not record in the Bible any of the “Now-known Dangerous or Ineffective” ancient **Egyptian medical practices**.

Moses recorded only sound medical practices which were not understood **until recently**.

Slide #49 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (dead animals) - SCREEN with notes:

1. Now we know it is not safe to use the same utensil on cooked food after using it on raw meat. People often get **salmonella this way**.

Slide #50 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (quarantine) - SCREEN with notes:

2. The Bible even talks about the washing of hands with water poured over a **hyssop leaf**. The hyssop leaf contains the same germ killing ingredient **as in Listerine**.

Slide #51 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (sewage disposal) - SCREEN with notes:

3. People in Haiti and other countries today are getting sick **from Cholera** due to contaminated water because of improper **sewage disposal**.

Slide #52 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (Egyptian medical) - So how could a man trained in Egyptian medical nonsense have written about such modern procedures unless he was **inspired by God?**

Slide #53 4 PICTURES - The Bible contains many references to nature and natural processes, and thus frequently touches on the **various sciences**.

Those who say that the Bible is not a **book of science** have not read it very closely.

Although the writers do not use **modern scientific terminology**, they use everyday language in **simple terms** which all readers can understand.

Slide #54 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (blood clotting) - Medical science has only recently discovered that **blood clotting in a newborn** reaches its peak on the eighth day, then drops. The Bible consistently says that a baby must be circumcised on the eighth day. **Doctors now give baby boys vitamin K**, to enhance blood clotting soon after birth, so they can circumcise them much sooner. Modern science shows that God's instructions and warnings for us are accurate and purposeful.

Slide #55 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (the water cycle) - We learn about the **cycle of air currents in the Bible**, and the idea of a complete **water cycle** was not fully understood by science until the seventeenth century, but both Solomon and Isaiah wrote about it in the Bible **thousands of years ago**.

Slide #56 EVIDENCE FROM SCIENCE (sea dwelling ships) - It has been found that God's design for Noah's Ark had the perfect **dimensions for sea dwelling ships**. When a ship builder built a **ship** after the same design as Noah's ark in 1609, it revolutionized shipbuilding. By 1900, every large ship on the ocean followed a similar design to Noah's ark.

Slide #57 REVIEW THE SHAPES - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #58 PART 2 - This brings us to PART 2, **Why To Believe** - More Evidence for God & Christianity

Slide #59 MORE EVIDENCES - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #60 MORE EVIDENCES - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #61 THE BIBLE'S CLAIMS & 2 PICTURES - So 1st lets look at what the Bible says about itself & what Jesus says **about the Bible**.

Christianity believes and teaches that the Bible alone is the **revealed Word of God**.

Jesus recommended the Bible not only by His words **but by His life**. He made it clear that He believed the Old Testament Scriptures were more than a national tradition. He believed the Bible was a **book about Himself**.

Slide #62 THE BIBLE'S CLAIMS (Bible's authors) - The Bible claims that even though it was written by men, the ultimate author was **God Almighty**, and Over 2,000 times in the Old Testament alone, the Bible claims to be a record of the words and **deeds of God**.

Slide #63 THE BIBLE'S CLAIMS (2 Timothy) - Here is a New Testament example: 2 Timothy 3:16 states "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,". Again stressing here that the Bible states that **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God**.

Slide #64 THE BIBLE'S POWER (Purple Picture) - Now, How has the Bible changed peoples' lives? When Jesus died, His disciples, confused and **afraid for their lives**, went into hiding.

Slide #65 THE BIBLE'S POWER (Jesus' Disciples) - But Christ's resurrection from the dead convinced them that Christ was who He claimed to be, and their lives were instantly and **wholly transformed**. They were transformed from a group of sniveling cowards into men who **traveled the world**, preaching that Jesus was God and had risen from the dead. They became bold in their doubtless faith and they dedicated the rest of their lives to proclaiming **the truth of Jesus**, His resurrection, and His Kingdom. Because of their message, nearly all of His disciples suffered severe persecution and died horrible **deaths of torture**. Merely changing their story would have spared them this persecution. They had absolutely nothing to gain and everything to lose if **their story wasn't true**.

Slide #66 THE BIBLE'S POWER (Prayers) - Also multitudes of people, past and present, have found from **personal experience** that the Bible's promises are true, its counsel is sound, its commands and restrictions are wise. Also Most Christians can easily recall how God has **answered** their **prayers**, and

Slide #67 THE BIBLE'S POWER (Addictions) - One of the most convincing evidences **that there is a God** is the change that takes place in a person's life as he becomes intimately acquainted with Him. Those who had the nature of a lion **become like a lamb**. Where there was hate, there is now **love**. Where there was fighting, there is now **peace**. Where there was turmoil within, there is now a **quiet rest**. Where there were endless questions, there is now **confidence**. He changes the selfish person into one who **cares about others**.

Many have had their lives transformed **by coming to Christ**. Young and old have found **purpose and fulfillment in life**, marriages have been saved, families reunited, individuals have been freed from alcoholism and drug addiction. Now, tell me, what positive results has anyone gained by being an **atheist**?

Slide #68 THE BIBLE'S POWER (Entire Nations) - Even entire nations or tribes, like the Celts of Ireland, the wild Vikings of Norway, or the Auca Indians of Ecuador have been transformed by **the Word of God** and the unprecedented life and significance **of Jesus Christ**.

Slide #69 THE BIBLE'S POWER (Miracles) - Also Miracles are a sign that God exists and that He **cares for His creation**

Slide #70 MIRACLES OF JESUS - And there are many changed lives which come from **the result of miracles**. A miracle can be defined as when **something happens**, but it is scientifically impossible to happen. As I just said, **Miracles** are a further sign that God exists and that He cares for His creation. If

God created all time, space, matter and energy, then He obviously has the knowledge and power to change it whenever and however He sees fit.

Slide #71 SUFFERING (5 Pictures) - Now, lets look at SUFFERING

“Why does God allow **bad things** to happen to **good people**?”

“Why does God allow **good people** to suffer? Can't He stop or prevent situations which cause pain, suffering and death?” Many people use this idea to convince themselves that **there is no god**.

They often say things like “If God is supposed to be all-knowing , all-powerful, and loves and cares for His people, why does He allow them to suffer? Why doesn't He heal them?”

Slide #72 SUFFERING (Many People) - The Bible teaches much on the subject of suffering, especially in **the book of Job**. Many people in the Bible endure stress, pain, grief, loss, hardship, death of loved ones, etc.

Slide #73 SUFFERING (Sin) - The Bible teaches that sin is the ultimate cause of **suffering and death**. God's original creation was as God intended life to be for us, **without any suffering**, but mankind chose to disobey God and the result was a curse on **all of God's creation**. We have all had to suffer from this curse, some **much more than others**.

Slide #74 4 PICTURES - The truth is that God loves us so much that He gives us the freedom to make **our own decisions**. Unfortunately accidents are results of bad decisions **by us or others**. Adam's rebellion against God caused separation from God and the beginning of the deterioration of all living things **and their descendants**. Illnesses, birth defects, genetic disorders and natural disasters are all eventual results of the beginning of sin (**Adam's bad decision**) and God's curse of death and destruction of the earth and all of its inhabitants because of sin.

Slide #75 SUFFERING (God's ways) - SCREEN ONLY

Slide #76 SUFFERING (gives us experiences) - I believe that God has a purpose for all His children - in this present life or in His **heavenly kingdom to come**. So He may be allowing this suffering to give us experiences which will help us develop into the people **He wants us to be**. When bad things happen to us, we learn and grow and we become better able to help others who are going through similar situations.

When we suffer, we learn to appreciate what we had **before our loss**. We often do not appreciate what we have until we lose it. We learn not to take things for granted, as our health or **other people in our life**.

Also suffering, pain, and sorrow make us more humble, less prideful, less selfish and more appreciative or thankful for what God and **others do for us**. The more we suffer, the more we look forward to being with our Lord in **His heavenly kingdom**.

Slide #77 CONTRADICTIONS (?) - Now, What About Contradictions in the Bible?:

It is very easy to accuse the Bible of inaccuracies, but it is quite another matter to **prove** it.

Slide #78 CONTRADICTIONS (differ) - READ SCREEN Then:

(For example: 1 Gospel says there was an angel at Jesus's tomb, while another says there **were 2 angels**, so are they **contradictory**?

The 1st Gospel did not say **ONLY 1**, so there could have been more.)

Slide #79 CONTRADICTIONS (errors) - **READ SCREEN** then:

I believe that the **original Scriptures** were error-free, but whenever you translate anything from one language to another you will eventually have trouble conveying the proper meaning. For example: Some words in Greek don't have a word in English which **means the same thing**, so translators had to choose the closest **word they could find**.

Slide #80 CONTRADICTIONS (Often passages) - **READ SCREEN** Then:

so when vowels were **later added**, some words did not portray **their proper meaning**.

Slide #81 EVIDENCE FOR GOD (Is there a God?) - Now, how about evidence for God.

Is there a God? Is there a Supreme being or Ruler of the universe? **How can I be certain?** The answer to this question is of **utmost importance**, because, if there is a God and I ignore Him, **what will the consequences be?**

How do you prove that something exists if you can not see it, feel it, smell it, taste it, or hear it? This is an argument many atheists have for the non-existence of God.

But can anyone prove that there is **no God**? Non-believers should be able to support their beliefs, as well as those who say that they believe in God.

Slide #82 EVIDENCE FOR GOD (more faith) - To believe in any unproveable idea you will have to **believe by faith**. You must have faith to believe in God's existence, but to believe that God does not exist also requires a great deal of faith, since there is so much evidence for God's existence. So if you say you don't believe in God, you are telling me that you are ignorant of the **evidence for God**.

Slide #83 EVIDENCE FOR GOD (After Eden) - This cartoon illustrates how we should be able to see evidence for God through **what He has made**. It says: "God, if you're real, show me a sign!" Modern scientific evidence has shown us that all of nature is so organized, **complex and detailed**, that it had to have been designed instead of just happening by chance. Through God's creation, **what He has made**, He has shown us His eternal power and His divine nature, but many of us, **like this man in the cartoon**, fail to give God credit **for creating nature**.

Slide #84 EVIDENCE FOR GOD (Throughout the ages) - Throughout the ages of time people have felt compelled to worship something or someone **greater than themselves**. Ancient cultures had sun gods, moon gods, thunder gods, and many others. Some **native Americans**, when discovered by the Europeans, were worshipping what they called **the Great Spirit**. The ancient **Jewish nation** worshiped Yahweh, Creator of the earth. I personally have known people who will claim to believe that there is a higher power out there, but they do not **believe in God**. It is apparent that inside every person is something that longs to relate to a higher power.

Slide #85 EVIDENCE FOR JESUS CHRIST (5 Pictures) - What about evidence **for Jesus Christ**? The Bible isn't the only book from Jesus' century that **talks about Him**. Several ancient writings about Jesus, outside **the New Testament**, confirm His birth, ministry, death, **and resurrection**.

Unlike other religions, Christianity is rooted in history and evidence. (*Jesus of Nazareth was a real person, born in Bethlehem in Judea during the reign **Caesar Augustus** and was put to death by **Pontius Pilate**, a first century Roman governor.*) The testimony of his life, death, and resurrection is validated both by credible eyewitness testimony and by credible extra-biblical evidence **as well**. No other religion can legitimately claim this kind of support from history and evidence **for their leaders**.

Slide #86 EVIDENCE FOR JESUS CHRIST (resurrection) - Christ's bodily resurrection from the dead was the final and greatest proof of His **absolute uniqueness** and is documented in both Biblical and secular history with strong evidence to support its truth.

If any of the details reported in the Bible were false, they would have been successfully refuted by **the Jewish leaders**. Although they tried, they were unsuccessful in their attempt to discredit the facts of **the resurrection**. Evidence for the truth of the resurrection was apparent to the thousands who were converted to Christianity soon after the event. The rapid spread of this persecuted faith is perhaps the greatest evidence of its reality. The facts of the resurrection were checked by converts of that day and led to changed lives, and **they still do today**.

Christianity has nothing to fear from those honestly searching **for the truth**. It is based on logical evidence surrounding real events in time and space.

Slide #87 EVIDENCE FOR JESUS CHRIST (His calling card) - The miracles of Jesus were **His calling card**; that is, the validation of His claim **to be God**.

The resurrection was **His proof of identification**.

Not only did Christ die precisely at the time of His choosing, but He rose on the third day **by His own power**. Christ predicted this when He said that He had the power to lay His life down and He had the power to **take it up again** (John 10:17,18). After three days **Christ rose from the dead**.

Christ alone conquered death, which clearly shows that Christ is exactly who He said He was, "the resurrection **and the life**".

Slide #88 WHY CHRISTIANITY? (4 Pictures) - There are many religions in the world, why should you **choose Christianity**?

How can Christians honestly claim that the only way to reach God's heavenly kingdom **is through Jesus**? There are several religions which say that there are other ways to get there. How can Christians be **so narrow minded**? What gives them the right to say "**there is no other way**"?

Slide #89 WHY CHRISTIANITY? (No one) - John 14:6 in the Bible states that Jesus himself said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

To accept this statement as true we would have to accept the Bible **as a reliable source**. But for it to be absolutely true and the only way, the Bible would have to be the most reliable religious work over all other writings **from all other religions**.

Slide #90 EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIANITY vs OTHER RELIGIONS (Objective Facts) - So what are some of the differences between Christianity **and other religions**?:

In many ways the Bible shows how unique and reliable is the Christian faith versus **all other Religions**.

Other religions are subjective religions based on feelings, emotions, superstitions, or groundless belief, and are primarily centered on the ethical and religious *opinions of their founders* **rather than historical facts**. *But Christianity is unique over all other religions* because it is based on historical **facts and acts**.

*Although other religions are based on what their founders taught, Christianity is founded on who Jesus is and what He **actually did**.*

Slide #91 EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIANITY vs OTHER RELIGIONS (History book) - Christianity is a historical faith based on objective facts and **historical records** which are subject to examination by the ordinary criteria of objective investigation. The Bible is a reliable history book unlike writings from **other world religions** which make no historical references or make up their history and even have contradictory historical accounts

Slide #92 EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIANITY vs OTHER RELIGIONS (Explains origins) - Only the Bible starts with the special creation of all things by an eternal, all powerful, **personal God**. The Bible has a unique and reasonable solution to the origin problem - "In the beginning, God created ...". Other religious books reveal ignorance on this point. They all propose ideas for the evolution of the universe from **existing matter** but do not explain how the matter originated.

Slide #93 EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIANITY vs OTHER RELIGIONS ("living" Lord) - Christians worship a **"living" Lord**. All other religious founders and leaders **are dead**. In most cases their tombs are known and honored. Only the tomb of Christ was occupied for only three days and thereafter **it was empty forever!** There are vast differences between Christianity and the religions of **the East**. The God of Eastern thought is **impersonal**, while the God of the Bible is **personal**. In some eastern religions, **God is everything and everything is God**, while the Bible teaches that God is independent from His creation.

Slide #94 EVIDENCE FOR CHRISTIANITY vs OTHER RELIGIONS (Saved by Grace) - Christianity is also unique in its teaching about **salvation**. Other religions and cults teach that we are saved through the **"good works"** we do - if our good deeds outweigh our bad deeds then **we will be saved**. But Christianity teaches that "We are saved **by** the grace of God **through** faith in Jesus **from** sin and sin's penalty **for** God's kingdom **to** do good works." Although we are not saved by good works, our good works show **evidence of our faith**. Christians are expected to do good works, **not to be saved**, but because we are saved.

Slide #95 WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT (2 Pictures) - Now, before I finish, let me tell you this. Although I believe that it is important to study **Evidence for Biblical Reliability**, there is something that is **much more important** than Knowing About God and the Bible?
Just Knowing about Him is not enough.

Slide #96 WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT (Knowing God) - What is More Important than Knowing About God and the Bible, is Knowing God. Developing a Personal Loving Relationship with God, is **the most important thing** you can do in your life.
But how do you get to know Him?
The same way you get to know **anyone**.

Slide #97 WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT (Communicate with Him) - You communicate with them **as much as possible**, so Communicate with God **often** through prayer and reading His Word, **the Holy Bible**. Also, the main thing I have learned in the past few years is:

Slide #98 LIFE IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS - Life is about Relationships! Matthew 22:36-40 tells us that Jesus said " 'Love the Lord your God with all your **Heart** and with all your **Soul** and with all your **Mind**' this is the Greatest Commandment. And the second is like it, 'Love your neighbor **as yourself** ..." Also the 10 Commandments teach us about Love and Respect: the 1st 4, for **God** and the last 6, for **people**. So, we need to learn to love and respect God and people.
Now, We know God loves us, But How Do You Show **Your Love for Him**?

Slide #99 HOW DO YOU SHOW... (Trust Him) - Do What Pleases God & Trust Him. God is our **Heavenly Father** and the Bible says we are to Trust & Obey Him, just as we should a good parent.

Slide #100 HOW DO YOU SHOW... (Keep His Commandments) - Also **Keep His Commandments**, Jesus said in John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments" Also John 14:21 says "He who has My

commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

Slide #101 HOW DO YOU SHOW... (Praise Him) - Learn to Praise Him and Thank Him for what He has already **done for us**.

If you love Him you will also enjoy **Serving Others**. We serve Him by serving His children.

Also, Show appreciation for Him **by Talking Positively about Him** and Sharing what you know **about His Word**.

Slide #102 SO, WHY DID I STUDY ... - Now, back to studying the evidences. Why did I study all these evidences?

I was one of those people who doubted God’s existence and **questioned the Bible**.

I went to church all my life, but I always wondered **if God really existed**. I prayed, but I didn’t know if He really heard me.

Also I wondered what would happened to me when I die if I doubted God’s existence?

So in 1999, I began researching to find some answers, and I found many. The evidence I’ve shown you today is only a fraction **of what I have learned**.

I Now have a passion **to share this evidence** with others. I want to help **non-believers to believe**, and help Christians grow **stronger in their faith** and help Christians be able share their faith.

Slide #103 SO, WHY SHOULD YOU STUDY... - READ **ALL** SCREEN, then:

We should all put **God 1st in our life** & be ready to tell people **why we believe** and be prepared to calmly give answers to their concerns.

Slide #104 ARE YOU READY ... - Now that you have seen all of this information, Are You Ready to Share **Why to Believe?**

Would you like to see **more evidence**?

Would you like to have a copy **of such information**?

Would you like evidence **to share with others**?

Slide #105 FOR MUCH MORE INFORMATION - I have much more information which will help you grow **in your Christian faith**. It is all available to you **at no charge**.

All my **CDs** are available for you **to copy for FREE**.

THANK YOU for letting me **SPEAK** with you today.