



Sermon series: Joy Full
Text: 1 John 5:6-12
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The Grounding of Our Faith

Big Idea: A well-grounded faith is necessary for a well-founded hope.

The Christian's _____ is grounded in _____ . (vs.6-9)

1. Our _____ is based on historical events. (Matt. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:5-6)

"I thought of this recently as I mused on the necessity of historical, verifiable fact as the foundation for the Christian faith. Of all belief systems, Christianity is the only one that insists its truths must be founded on the historical existence of a person named Jesus, and that further, he historically said and did the things claimed of him. Most importantly, if Jesus didn't die (really die, dead-as-a-doornail die) and rise again (in a physical body, one that walked, talked, ate, and resumed relationships with his friends), then, as Paul told the Corinthians, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins... If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

-Kathy Keller.

2. Our _____ is tied to historical events.
3. Historical events alone can't _____ faith.

The Christian's _____ is grounded in a _____ . (vs. 10-12)

1. God's testimony to Jesus _____ a response.
2. God's gift of eternal life _____ on Jesus.
3. The _____ of our hope depends on Jesus.

"There is no greater hope possible than to believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. If you grasp this great fact of history, then even if you find things going dark, this hope becomes a light for you when all other lights go out."

-Tim Keller

Find joy in _____ to you!

What's an example in your own life of where you have trusted something based on the evidence of someone else's testimony?

Would you say the historical evidence for Christianity is convincing? What might be some arguments people would have against trusting the historical evidence? How might you respond to those arguments?

Is there other historical evidence for the truth of Christianity that you can think of that wasn't talked about on Sunday Morning?



What are some opportunities you have to testify to the truth of Jesus and what he's done throughout your week? (Think of the callings God has given you, where He's placed you, the relationships He's given you, and how He's gifted you).

- How does the Holy Spirit's work of testifying encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities?
- How does knowing testifying to Jesus is God's passion encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities?

What are some ways we might be prone to craft a Jesus of our own imagination rather than accept the Jesus of the Bible who God has testified to?

Read the Tim Keller quote that was included in the notes again. How have you found this to be true in your own life? How has the hope you have in Jesus been a "light for you when all other lights go out"?

What are ways that you can take what you read in scripture each day and use it to fight for joy throughout the rest of the day?

What are some of the best promises God has made to you in His Word? How can you lean on these promises for joy? (If you are with a CARE Group, create a list here and then just spend some time praising God for His promises and what they mean to you as a group)

Further Resources

- Read "[Our Faith is Historically Verifiable – Or It's Nothing](#)" -Kathy Keller
- Watch "[Can We Trust the Gospels?](#)" -Peter Williams