

## Who Can We Trust? January 10, 2021

### Why This Series:

- ✓ Christianity is under attack and many who have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the church have \_\_\_\_\_ the church and God.
- ✓ Typical “Doubt Scenario” (See Shelby Abbott’s book Doubtless)
  1. An article, blog, podcast, or video posted online makes strong arguments challenging the validity of Christianity.
  2. I read or watch the post.
  3. I can’t retort in a way that can act as a logical counter to what I’ve seen or heard, because I don’t know enough or haven’t studied as much as the person who posted.
  4. I begin to wonder if the argument they’s posted can be answered in a satisfying way. I do not have the answer, so maybe nobody has the answer.
  5. There is a tremor in the foundation of my Christian beliefs, and I begin to assume this argument against Christianity might be legitimate.
  6. If this argument is accurate, maybe others against my faith are correct too.
  7. I have based my believe system on something that might be false. I am doubting the authenticity of Christianity.
  8. If Christianity is not’ true, maybe the Bible isn’t either. Maybe God doesn’t’ exist.
  9. The world and everything in it begins to unravel.
    - **Progression of Thought:** Things start off fairly normal at the beginning (#1-3), but the more \_\_\_\_\_ given to doubtful thoughts, the more they are nurtured by one’s heart and mind. As they are fed, they \_\_\_\_\_ and expand into more illogical doubts and negative thoughts. The first thought domino falls, and I choose not to stop the subsequent tumbling downward to despair.
    - **Lifechanging Choice:** One can choose to feed one’s \_\_\_\_\_ and one’s \_\_\_\_\_ will starve, or one can choose to feed one’s \_\_\_\_\_ and one’s \_\_\_\_\_ will starve!

## **The Direction of the Series:**

- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ that God exists.
- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus rose from the dead.
- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture
- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit!

## **The Probability That God Exists:**

### **1. The Argument from Creation**

- ✓ Since there is a universe it must have been \_\_\_\_\_ by something else.

### **2. The Argument from Design**

- ✓ There is great design in the universe, therefore there must be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.

### **3. The Argument from Moral Law**

- ✓ All people are conscious of an objective moral law, and moral law implies a \_\_\_\_\_

### **4. The Argument from Love**

- ✓ Jesus said, “Your love for one another \_\_\_\_\_ to the world that you are My disciples.” (John 13:35)

## **The Love Test: “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that?” Luke 6:32**

### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus**

- ✓ “Later, Matthew invited Jesus and His disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, ‘Why does your Teacher eat with such scum?’”  
Matthew 9:10-11

### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus.**

- ✓ “‘I tell you the truth, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown Me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.’ Then Jesus said to the woman, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’” Luke 7:47-48

### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus.**

- ✓ “One day Jesus called together His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases.”  
Luke 9:1