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CONVICTIONS

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Convictions

Convictions

A firmly held belief or opinion.

Our convictions are linked to our beliefs, worldview and faith.

Why is it important to be aware and conscious of our convictions?

Biblical Faith and Convictions

- Biblical faith is not blind.
- Francis Collins – Emotions and indoctrinations

Alpha Testimony - Francis Collins - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLMd-dK2am0

Biblical Faith and Convictions

- We have a rational and intellectually convincing basis for our faith.

Conviction #1.
God called me by name

Conviction #2
Assurance of Salvation/eternal life

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1 John 5:11-12 (ESV)

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal
life, and this life is in His Son.
12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not
have the Son of God does not have life.

Conviction #2
Assurance of Salvation/eternal life

Romans 8:14-16 *(ESV)*

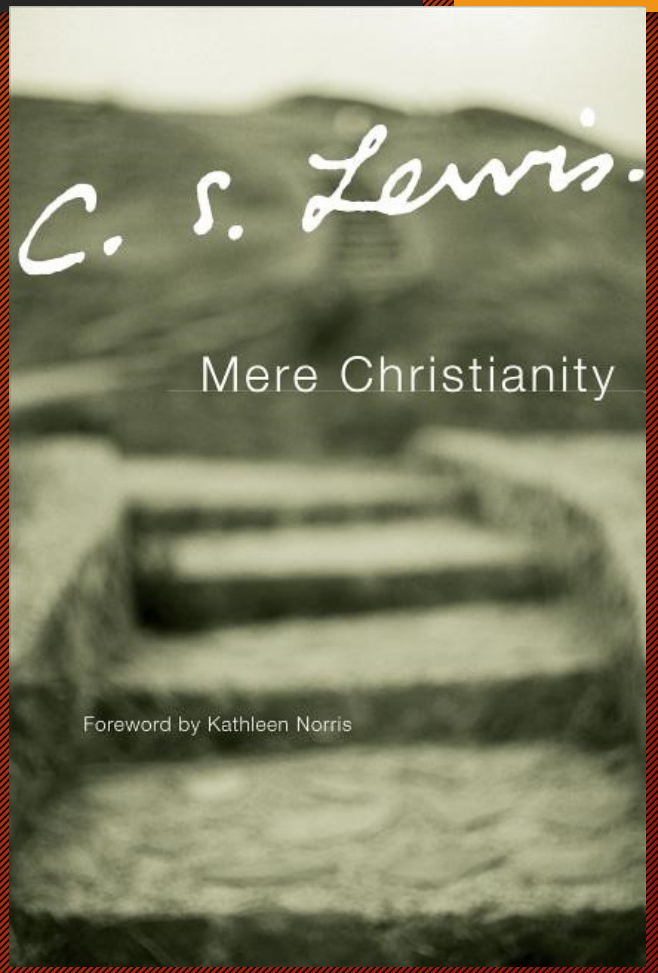
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

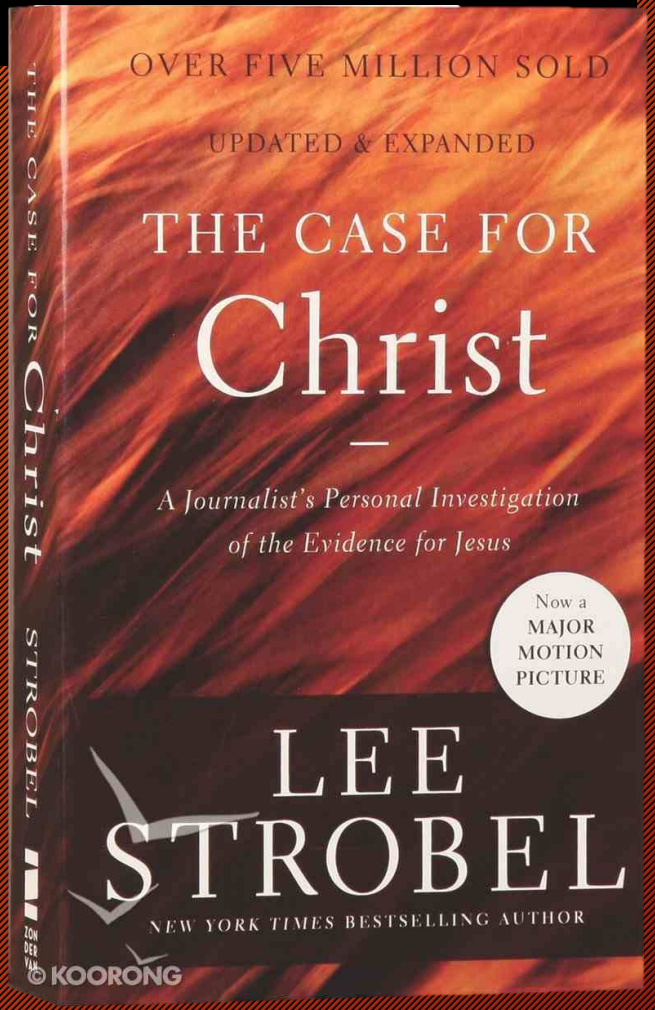
16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,..

Conviction #3
Jesus is alive – He resurrected from the dead.

In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, the most important writer of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together.
Bringing together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War Two from his three previous books *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality*, *Mere Christianity* provides an unequaled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.



Is there credible proof that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? In *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune* and *New York Times* bestselling author, retraces his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith and builds a captivating case for Christ's divinity.



Lee Strobel: Evidence That Proves Christ (LIFE Today) - YouTube

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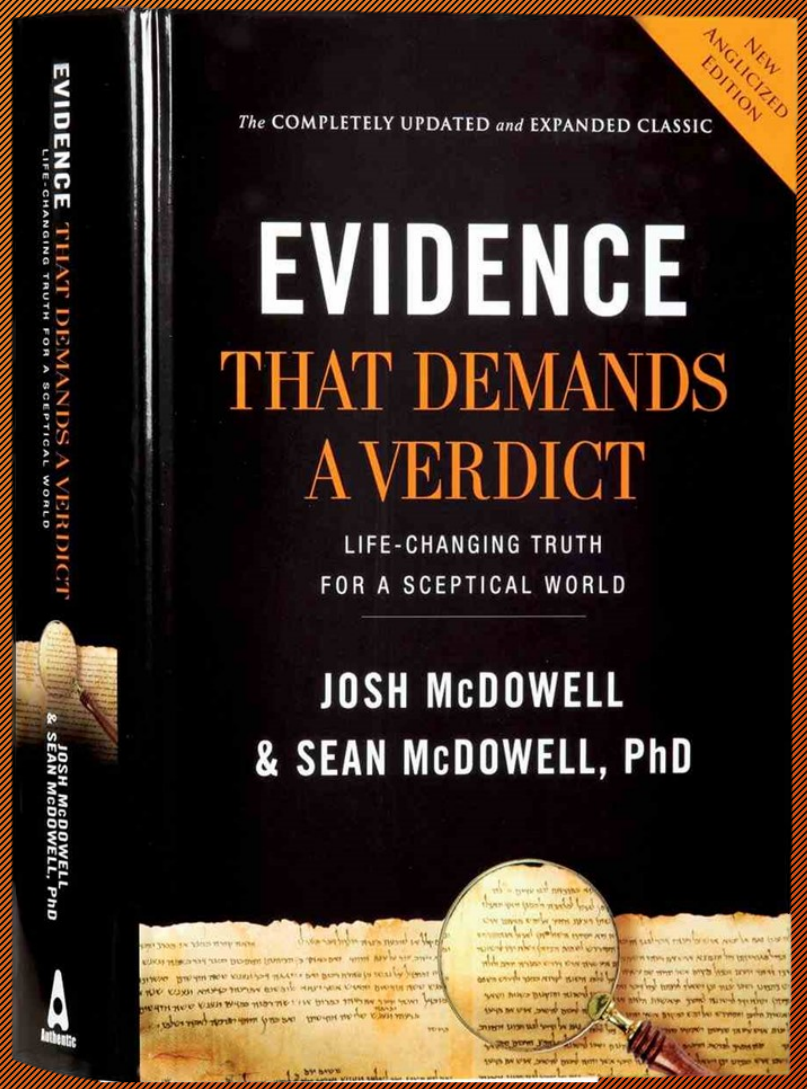

Everything you need to effectively defend the truths of the Bible and the Christian faith.
Winner of the 2018 ECPA Christian Book award for Bible Reference Works.

The truth of the Bible doesn't change, but its critics do. Now with his son, Sean McDowell, speaker and author Josh McDowell has updated and expanded the modern apologetics classic for a new generation.
Evidence That Demands a Verdict provides an expansive defense of Christianity's core truths, rebuttals to some recent and popular forms of skepticism, and insightful responses to the Bible's most difficult and misused passages. It invites readers to bring their doubts and doesn't shy away from the tough questions.

Hallelujah Jesus is Alive!

Foreword by
Dr Chew Weng Chee
7 Ordinary Men,
1 Extraordinary GOD
Stories testifying to the goodness of the
Almighty GOD

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7 Testimonies shared by:
1. Edmund Chan
2. Dato Ir Janang Bungsu
3. Peter Desmond Wee
4. Ramdi Indang
5. Richard Ling
6. Samuel Tan
7. Dr Wong Hong Meng
Poverty, business failures, bankruptcy, illnesses, near-death experiences, cobra bites are the stuff of real life. A Christian is not spared the challenges and vicissitudes that life brings. This book contains a collection of seven real life stories of how Christians also had to navigate the storms and trials of life.
Seven Christian businessmen share from their hearts how walking with the Lord helped them face the challenges of life and overcame them. How God helped them gain enriching spiritual successes, over and above their achievements in the market place. And in their journey how they experienced the goodness, grace and faithfulness of God. Your faith will be strengthened when you read these real life stories.

My Convictions

- Jesus is alive.
- Jesus must be who He claims to be.
- He is God incarnate.
- I can depend on all His promises and teaching.
- I am convicted of my place in His Kingdom
- I have eternal life
- I am a son of God.
- Jesus will return – judgement for those who are not in Christ. Salvation for those who are in Christ.

Conclusion

- When we spend time meeting God through His Word, we receive revelations, understanding and convictions (or a reminder of our convictions).

- It is important to put in the effort (to read, research, to think through and work through all the questions and doubts, etc.) to establish our own convictions on what and why we believe.

Conclusion

- We can and we would want to be sure for ourselves, not just dependent on what other people say.

- It will shape us, our outlook and how we live our lives.