

SCIENCE VS. FAITH

And
 without faith it is
 impossible to please God...
 -Hebrews 11:6A

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Science and Faith are both very important in our lives, but what's the difference between a Scientific Fact, a Theory, and Faith? The three examples below will help you to understand.



BAG #1

Let's say we want to figure out what's inside this bag. Let's use the Scientific Method to see if we can find out:

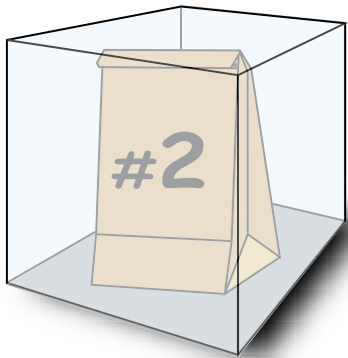
PROBLEM: "What's in the bag?"

HYPOTHESIS: We can guess that it's a rock or a ball.

EXPERIMENT: We can shake, feel, or open the bag to see what's inside.

CONCLUSION: Once we open the bag and SEE the tennis ball inside, we know for sure that a ball was in the bag!

That's a **SCIENTIFIC FACT**



BAG #2

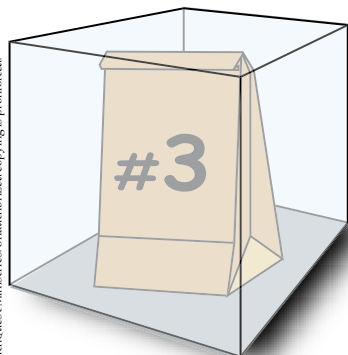
Let's say we want to figure out what's inside this bag too. But THIS bag is sealed inside of a glass box!

PROBLEM: "What's in the bag?"

HYPOTHESIS: We can guess that it's a rock or a ball.

BUT-Since this bag is sealed inside of a glass box, we CAN'T do an Experiment! We can't shake it, feel it, or open it! We still THINK there's a ball inside, but we can't PROVE it.

That's a **THEORY**



BAG #3

Now, let's say there's another bag sealed inside of a glass box.

This time, someone **TELLS YOU** that

THERE'S A BALL INSIDE!

You can't open the bag to PROVE that there's a ball in the bag, but you believe it anyway. In fact, you're **SURE** there's a ball in the bag, even though you can't prove it!

That's **FAITH**

WHY IS FAITH SO IMPORTANT?

Science is important so that we can learn more about the world God created for us, but FAITH can be even MORE important! That's because what we put our faith in can be a matter of life and death! The Bible has much to say about this. Below is a list of just a few Bible passages about faith.

What is Faith?

The Bible tells us very clearly what faith is.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Be Careful What You Put Your Faith In

You can put your faith and trust in many things, but not everything DESERVES your faith. A person can have faith that a chair made out of toothpicks will hold them, but that doesn't mean the chair won't collapse! We should have good reasons to put our faith in something, and there are many things we SHOULD'N'T put our faith in!

Psalm 20:7

Psalm 146:3

Proverbs 11:28

Proverbs 28:26

Isaiah 47:10-11

Jeremiah 17:5

Colossians 2:8

The Importance of Faith in God

The most important thing we can put our faith in is GOD and HIS WORD. In fact, Hebrews 11:6 says that without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God! Look up these Bible passages to learn about the importance of faith in God:

John 3:15-16

John 5:24

John 11:25-26

John 12:46

Romans 5:1

Romans 10:9

Galatians 3:22-24

Hebrews chapter 11

James 1:5-6

