

The Search for Faith

Supplementing the talk by Professor David Frost

‘Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”’.

John 14:6

Where are we going?

- A Some are on ‘the Way’
- B Some have hit a road block
- C Some want to introduce ‘the Way’ to others
- D Some want to know how to join ‘the Way’.

Jesus is the Way

How can one believe it?

Jesus is the Vine (*see icon right*)

The Vine illustrates:

- A The unbroken chain of the followers of Christ
- B These are sustained by the ‘sap’ of Christ to whom they are all linked
- C These are linked to one another – the living and the dead in Christ – one Vine – one Body.



Icon of the Vine and Branches

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Your notes:

The search is on

- A Has science proved that God does not exist?
- B Everyone believes in something
- C Belief involves choice
- D Belief involves the search for meaning in our lives
- E The search starts from discontent with the world and its Pandora's box of material things
- F Even marriage is not the answer.

The gap remains

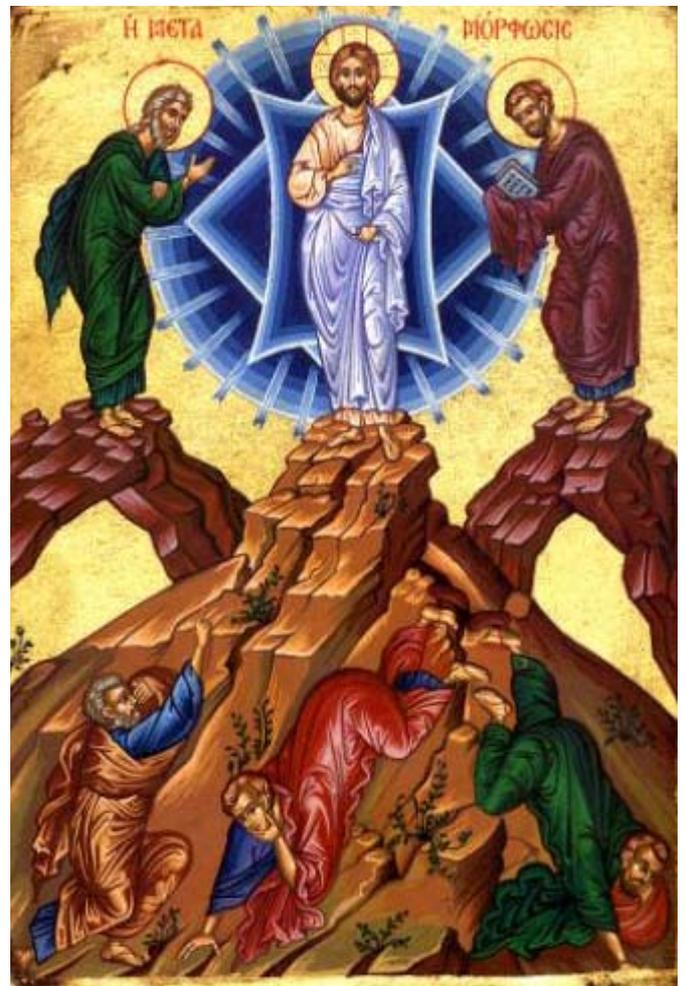
How do we fill the gap?

- A We start with willingness to trust – that God exists and ‘rewards those who seek him’. *Hebrews 11:6*
- B We remember – God is seeking us. The father of the prodigal in the parable ran to meet his erring son
- C We open ourselves to the ‘surprises of the Holy Spirit’
- D We let God break through – we let it happen (*see icon, right*).

The Way leads to the Truth and the Life and Jesus Christ is all three

The Apostle Philip said to Nathanael – ‘come and see’

Let us do the same.



Icon of the Transfiguration, Crete, C20,
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‘Our hearts are restless till they find their rest in Thee.’

St Augustine of Hippo

‘The world is charged with the grandeur of God.’

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Recommended Reading

- i. Chapter 1 of Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev, *The Mystery of Faith* (Darton, Longman and Todd: London, 2002) ISBN 0 232 52472 6
- ii. Chapter 3 of Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, *God and Man* (Darton, Longman and Todd: London, 1971) ISBN 0 232 51161 6

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