1.  (v.1-2) Faith can be rendered ineffectual when we no longer cling to the literal truth of His Word and instead begin to allow an earthly perspective to eclipse the truth.

2.  (v.3-10) Their faith, which had been eclipsed by the earthly circumstances of Christ’s death, was now beginning to dawn a little brighter in view of the evidence, but was still not fully embracing the Word of God.

3.  (v.11-18) It may be good to have faith that is based on solid evidence, but the evidence should lead us to the Word which should lead us to the Savior. The key to biblical faith is the Word of God.

**Overall Application:**

Historical faith says, “Christ lives!”; saving faith says, “Christ lives in me!”