

# Myth #5 Church is for the “Simple-Minded”

**Is. 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD...

**Matt. 22:37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

**Acts 1:3, 6-8** After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God...When they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

# 1. Faith is a “Crutch”

Paul Vitz: *Faith of the Fatherless: The Psychology of Atheism*

# 2. Faith is “Irrational.”

- fulfills ancient prophecy (e.g. Isa 53)
- performs miracles
- rises from the dead
- transforms disciples
- reliability of Gospels

# 3. Faith is for “Simple-Minded”