

Faith-Logic Rationales

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Human Mentality

Two parts of the human mentality:

- *Nous* or mind—where Bible doctrine is mentally comprehended as *gnosis*.
- *Kardia* or heart—the seat of spiritual understanding, where Bible doctrine is spiritually understood as *epignosis*.

The Faith-Logic Technique

A Brief Review:

- Restoration to Fellowship – The spiritual life functions only in the Filling of the Holy Spirit (FHS). When we sin we lose the FHS, which is only restored by confession of sin – 1 John 1:9.
- Resting in Faith – *Claim* a previously learned promise of God, then *rest* in the promise of God to fulfill it.
- Read [Romans 8:28-32](#).

The Faith-Logic Technique is applied in five steps:

1. Restoration to Fellowship (RTF) – 1 John 1:9
2. Claim a Promise of God – eg.: Isaiah 41:10
3. Rest in Faith (RIF) until there is clear thought and objectivity.
4. Apply Biblical Logic – recall previously learned Bible doctrines
5. Come to a Biblical conclusion – regain stability.

Scripture teaches us these Five Steps:

1. RTF – *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* – 1 John 1:9
2. Claim a Promise of God (example: [Isaiah 41:10](#)) – *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”* – Romans 8:28
3. Rest in Faith (RIF), until we regain clear thought and objectivity; *having restored the Filling of the Holy Spirit, concentrate on the promise of God until you regain emotional stability, and can think clearly.*

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4. Apply Biblical Logic – *“For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.”* - Romans 8:29, 30
5. Come to a Biblical conclusion – *“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will he not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”* – Romans 8:31, 32

The Faith-Logic Rationales

Biblical Rationale (our definition) – *“A biblical rationale is an ordered statement or application of the controlling or underlying principles of a biblical truth, presented in a logical progression.”*

1. The Essence of God Rationale

- a. God is Sovereign – His will includes every choice our free will can make.
- b. God is Absolutely Righteous – His will is the best for us. But if we go against His will, His Righteousness will judge us.
- c. God is Perfect Justice – His judgments are perfectly fair.
- d. God is Perfect, Infinite Love – His disgust for sin does not diminish His love for us. Because of His divine love He sent Jesus to the cross to die for us.
- e. God is Eternal Life – He gave us eternal life. Eternal life would not be eternal if we could lose it.
- f. God is Omniscient, Omnipotent, & Omnipresent – He is totally and perfectly able to fulfill everything in His plans for us.
- g. God is Immutable (Unchanging) – God is unchanging in His nature and in His plans. He does not change because He does not *need* to change.
- h. God is Veracity (Truth) – He is absolute Truth. We can accept what He says with complete confidence. The doctrine He communicates to us is true and error free, because *His Veracity guarantees it.*

Faith-Logic Rationales (Continued)

2. The Plan of God Rationale (Continuing from *Part I*)

- a. God knows and has incorporated everything in our lives into His plan.
- b. Nothing in our lives is greater than His plan.
- c. God has promised to supply everything we need in life—[Matthew 6:25-33](#).

3. The Purpose & Policy of God Rationale

- a. God's purpose is to use believers as witnesses to unbelievers, and to bring them the Gospel.
- b. His policy is to provide us with everything we need to fulfill His purpose.
- c. Since He always provides the means to do His will, we must never fear to do His bidding.

4. The “a Fortiori” Rationale

- a. From the Latin: *argumentum a fortiori* – “an argument from the stronger (reason).”
- b. If Frank has \$1.00 in change in his pocket, then we can argue more strongly (*a fortiori*) that he can produce 50 cents in change from his pocket.
- c. Some “*a Fortiori*” Rationales (The Apostle Paul in Romans, Our Lord Jesus in Matthew):
 - The Greater Provision a Fortiori – Romans 8:31-32 – “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”
 - The a Fortiori of Deliverance – Rom. 5:8-10 – “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be delivered from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”
 - The Logistical Grace a Fortiori – Matt. 6:25-33 – “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!”