

TRIAL OF FAITHFUL, DEFENSE & DEATH DIGGING DEEPER

1. Mr. Blindman calls Faithful a “heretic.” What is a heretic (in the broad sense)?

According to the basic tenets of biblical Christianity, is Faithful a heretic?

What heresies plague biblical Christianity today?

Early Christianity was accused of being a heresy (or a “sect”). Read Acts 21–24 and find out how Paul responded to his accusers.

2. There have been martyrs since the beginning of history, soon after Adam and Eve sinned. Read about the experiences of the potential martyrs in Daniel 3 and Daniel 6 and about the martyrs mentioned in Hebrews 11:35–40. Obtain a copy of Foxe’s *Book of Martyrs* and read it (or read it online at www.sacred-texts.com/chr/martyrs/). Choose three people and write a research paper on their lives and deaths.

Martyrdom has continued to the present day. In the previous century, John and Betty Stam and Jim Elliot were among the more famous martyrs. Read about their lives in *The Triumph of John and Betty Stam* and *Through Gates of Splendor* (and the movie *Beyond the Gates of Splendor*). Who else can you find out about?

For more up-to-date accounts of Christian martyrs, visit the Voice of the Martyrs website at Persecution.com.