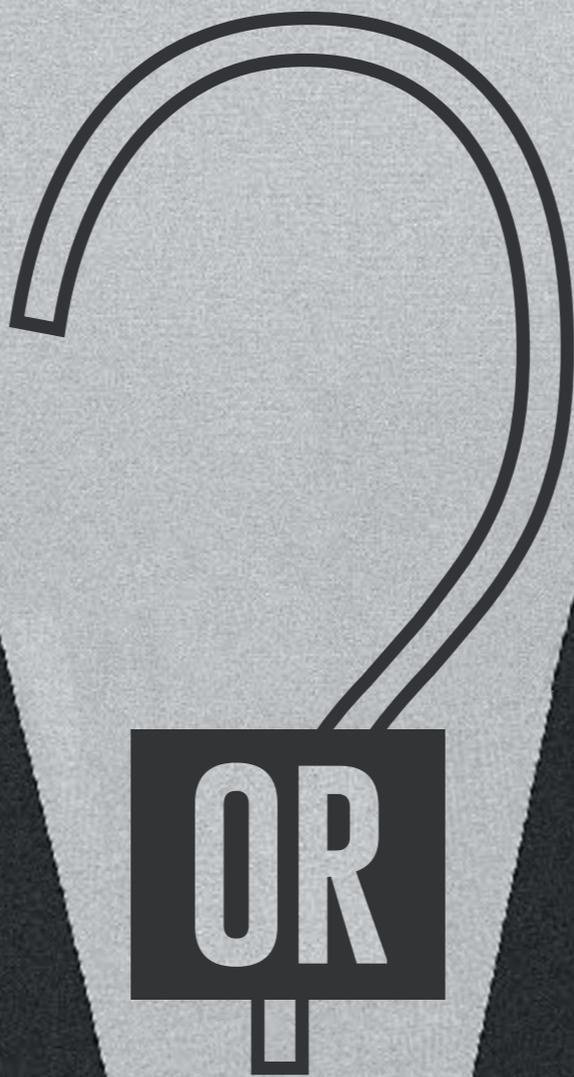


“FAITH”



“WORKS”

JAMES 2:14-26



EPHESIANS 2:8,9

"For *by grace* you have been saved *through faith*. And this is *not your own doing*; it is the *gift of God*..."

ROMANS 4:2

"For if Abraham was justified by *works*, he has something to boast about; but *not toward God*."

TITUS 3:5

"...*not because of works* done by us in righteousness, but *according to his own mercy*..."

EPHESIANS 2:8,9

"For *by grace* you have been saved *through faith*. And

JAMES 2:24,26

"You see that **a person is justified**
by works and **NOT by faith alone**...
For...***faith apart from works is dead***."

"...*not because of works* done by us in righteousness, but *according to his own mercy*..."

FAITH, GRACE, & WORKS—OH MY!

PAUL: "Abraham was justified by ***faith***—***NOT works***."

JAMES: "Abraham was justified by ***works***—***NOT faith***."

PAUL: "*Faith* – *Works* = **ALIVE**"

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FAITH, GRACE, & WORKS—OH MY!

PAUL: "All are justified by **f**..."

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PAUL: "*Faith* = **WORKS** = **ALIVE**"

JAMES: "*Faith* = **WORKS** = **DEAD**"

WHAT IS "FAITH"?

THE WORLD'S DEFINITION

"**firm belief** in something for which there is *no proof*"¹

"**Strong belief**...*based on spiritual apprehension* rather than *proof*"²

"**belief** that is *not based on proof*"³

¹ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. 11th Ed. Springfield: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2011. p. 450. Print. Emp. and ital. added.

² Apple Dictionary. Apple, 2019.

³ Dictionary.com. Web. URL: <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/faith?s=t>. Accessed 1-19-20. Emp. and ital. added.

"FAITH" IN THE BIBLE

"Faith is the **willingness to trust and obey God** without ever having seen him personally. It is *not* a gullible 'leap in the dark,' as existential 'faith' postulates; rather, it is **based upon evidence** that allows one to maintain a *prima facie* [self-evident] case for belief... True [faith] **expresses itself in doing the will of God... Faith that does not express itself in obedience to God is no faith** (Gal. 5:6; Jas. 2:14ff)."⁴

⁴ Jackson, Wayne. *Bible Words & Theological Terms Made Easy*. Stockton: Courier Publications, 2002. pp. 57,21. Print. Emp. and ital. added.

WHAT IS "FAITH"?

HEBREWS 11—THE "HALL OF FAITH"

WHO?	HOW/WHY?	WHAT?
Christians (3)	"by Faith"	"understand"
Abel (4)	"by Faith"	"offered"
Enoch (5)	"by Faith"	"walked" (cp. Gen. 5:22)
Noah (7)	"by Faith"	"prepared"
Abraham (8-10)	"by Faith"	"obeyed"
Sarah (11)	"by Faith"	"counted"
All of Above (13)	"by Faith"	"saw/greeted"
Abraham (17-19)	"by Faith"	"offered/considered"
Isaac (20)	"by Faith"	"invoked"
Jacob (21)	"by Faith"	"blessed/worshiped"
Joseph (22)	"by Faith"	"mentioned/gave direction"
Moses' Parents (23)	"by Faith"	"hid/were not afraid"

WHAT IS "FAITH"?

HEBREWS 11—THE "HALL OF FAITH"

WHO?	HOW/WHY?	WHAT?
Moses (24)	"by Faith"	"refused"
" (25)	"by Faith"	"chose"
" (26)	"by Faith"	"considered"
" (26)	"by Faith"	"looked"
" (27)	"by Faith"	"forsook"
" (27)	"by Faith"	"did not fear"
" (27)	"by Faith"	"endured"
" (28)	"by Faith"	"kept"
Israelites (29)	"by Faith"	"crossed"
" (30)	"by Faith"	"encircled"
Rahab (31)	"by Faith"	"received"
All Others (32-40)	"by Faith"	"conquered"

WHAT ARE "WORKS"?

THE WORLD'S DEFINITION

"A **man-made system of law**, whereby a person, upon his own keeping of it, *earns* his salvation based upon his own merits."

"The idea that you **save yourself based upon your own deeds**. You have literally earned it and thus truly deserve it, and so God owes it to you."

WHAT ARE "WORKS"?

TYPES OF "WORKS" IN THE BIBLE

"good works" (Matt. 5:16)

"mighty works" (Matt. 7:22)

"works of the Christ" (Matt. 11:2)

"works of your father" (Lk. 11:48)

"evil works" (Jn. 7:7)

"works of Abraham" (Jn. 8:39)

"works of [God]" (Jn. 9:4)

"works of repentance" (Acts 26:20)

"works of the law" (Rom. 3:28)

"works of darkness" (Rom. 13:12)

"unfruitful works" (Eph. 5:11)

"works of the devil" (1 Jn. 3:8)

"the first works" (Rev. 2:5)

WHAT ARE "WORKS"?

THREE MAIN TYPES OF "WORKS"

~~WORKS OF MEN (cf. Rom. 4:2)~~

~~Works "which we did ourselves" (Tit. 2:5), i.e., works that are literally "of ourselves" (Eph. 2:8).~~

~~WORKS OF THE LAW (cf. Gal. 3:10, 11; 5:2-4)~~

~~Works of the law of Moses (cf. Gal. 3:10, 11; 5:2-4).~~

WORKS OF GOD (cf. Jn. 6:28, 29)

Works which God *requires*—i.e., works of **obedience** (cf. Rom. 1:5; 16:26; Php. 2:14; Jas. 2:14-26; *et al.*).

**HOW
IS**

**YOUR
FAITH?**