

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" James 2:20 KJV



There are many faith TALKERS, but few faith WALKERS. Many claim to be “Christian,” but their disobedience of God’s Word clearly proves them liars. *“He that saith, ‘I know Him,’ and keepeth not His commandments, IS A LIAR.”* Believing God makes you no better than demons, because *“the devils also believe and tremble.”* Rejection of God’s offer of salvation through faith is pure folly! *“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?”* He promises Eternal Life through the gift of faith to everyone who repents. Obedience is repentance; the deeds of faith in action. *“For by grace are ye saved; through faith: and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God.”* Did your parents ever ask, “Did you HEAR what I said?” Your lack of obedience and not your ability to hear is what prompted the question. Do you Hear what God says? Believers, who disobey will reap the consequences! *“Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Keep yourselves in the Love of God, looking for the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal Life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire.”* Good deeds are worthless unless one is *“born again. There is NONE righteousness. ALL our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.”* Just as *“faith without works is dead,”* so are works without faith! That applies to believers and unbelievers alike. God’s Love to us enables our obedience. The Life of God resurrects every spirit it touches as certainly as ingested cyanide kills! It doesn’t mean we become sinless, because the body is still *“carnal, sold under sin.”* This conflict will not be resolved until we are *“changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: for the trumpet shall sound and we shall be changed. Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust (bodily/sinful desire), and enticed, but we have an advocate...Jesus Christ. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* Confession is admitting to God your sin and returning to obedience (repenting). If you continue in the sin you have neither confessed nor repented and, therefore, remain unforgiven. *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”* If you fall again, confess again. *“A just man FALLETH seven times and riseth YET AGAIN!”* By His own design, God doesn’t command choice, only consequence. If you love Him, your obedience is Love motivated. *“This is the Love of God, that we keep (obey) His commandments: This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”* If good deeds are motivated by trusting obedience of God’s Word; faith is real and deeds are righteous. You must know God’s Word to obey it which is why we are told to *“meditate therein, day and night.”* You can’t meditate on what you do not know. Self-motivated deeds are *“as filthy rags.”* Trust and obey God’s Word, for there’s no other way!

Man’s prideful deeds are naught but rags,
A filthy robe that round him sags,
The deeds that count for God above,
Must come from hearts of Holy love. ~CGP

If your walk doesn’t match your talk, you have no faith, you have only TALK! Obedience is the visible evidence of unseen faith! Faith is the evidence of the unseen God!

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 KJV