

Are We Saved By Works?

No & Yes!

WE **CANNOT** BE  
SAVED WITHOUT  
OBEYING THE  
LORD BY FAITH



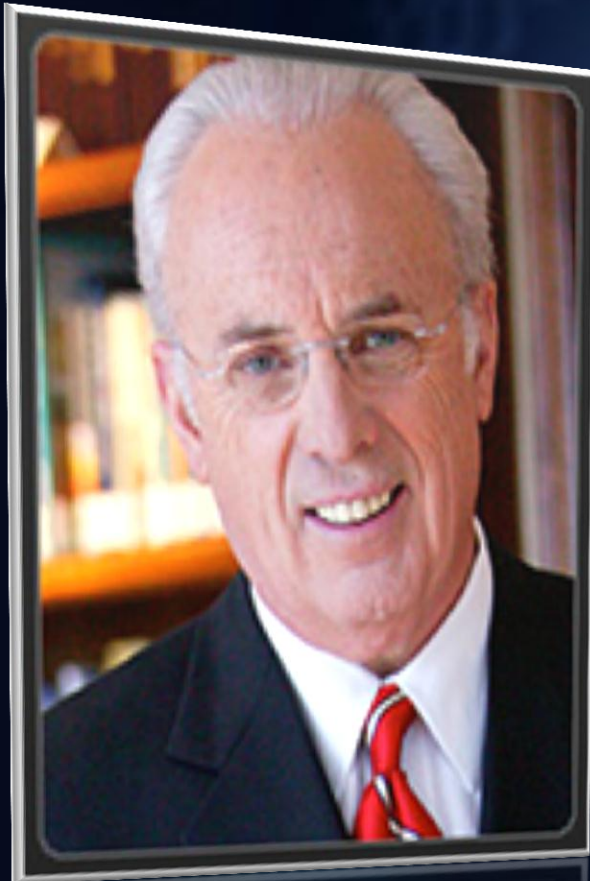
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EPHESIANS 2:8,9  
ROMANS 4:2-4  
ROMANS II:6  
TITUS 3:3-5



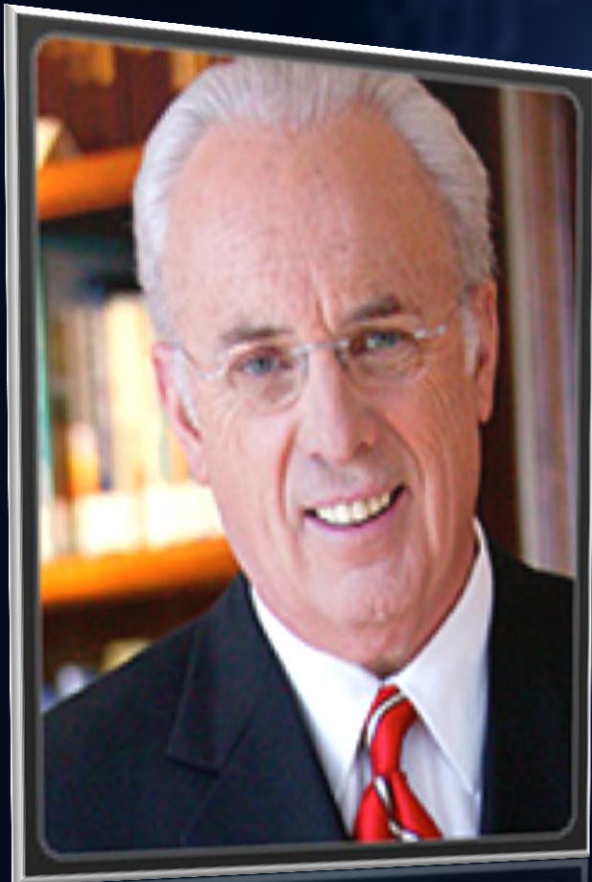
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“We're not saved by the water. That's not going to save you. "By grace are you saved, through what?" "Faith, that not of yourself, not of works," not of works . . . I have to confess that you can be saved and not be baptized, but you're in a condition of disobedience. . . .”

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“Baptism produces nothing but blessing. Nothing but the joy and the reward of obedience. Nothing but the affirmation of God to an obedient child. It doesn't save you, it doesn't make you holier than somebody else. It just brings you the blessing of obedience; that's what it does.”

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Baptism is a work,  
therefore baptism is not  
essential for salvation!



- ◆ The consequence of a faulty premise –
- ◆ The failure to include, and properly discern, all of the evidence –
- ◆ The failure to properly apply the correct sense of terms involved.

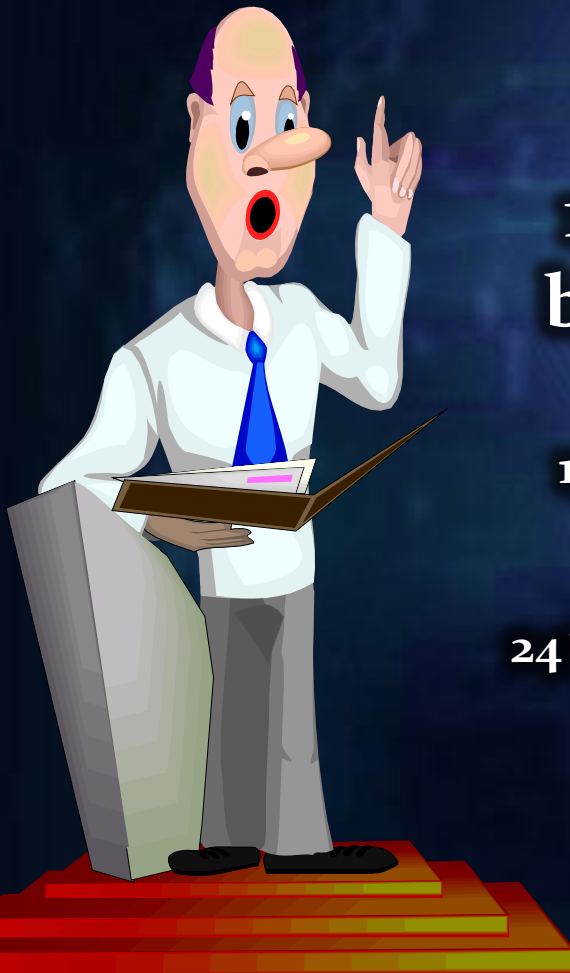
# We Are ~~Not~~ Saved By Works,

## JAMES 2:14-26

**14 . . . if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? . . .**

**17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. . . .**

**24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.**





# Are We Saved By Works?

## THE “LAW OF CONTRADICTION”



◆ **A thing cannot both be, and not be:**

- 1) for the same object;
- 2) at the same time;
- 3) in the same sense.

# Different Kinds of Works



- ◆ **Works of the Law of Moses** (Rom. 3:28; 4; Gal. 2:18)
- ◆ **Works of merit** (Rom 11:6; Eph 2:8)
- ◆ **Works of Our Own Righteousness** (Tit 3:5)
- ◆ **Works of God** (Jn 6:28)
- ◆ **Works of God's Righteousness** (Acts 10:35; 1 John. 2:29; 3:7; 3:10)
- ◆ **Works of Faith** (1 Th. 1:3; Ja. 2:14-26)
- ◆ **Good Works** (Eph. 2:10; Tit. 3:8-14)



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## **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

# We Are Not Saved By Works,

**GRACE**  
**UNMERITED**  
**FAVOR —**  
**God Not Under**  
**Obligation to Man**  
Rom 3:24; 4:4,5  
Eph. 2:8  
Mat 18:23-35  
Luke 17:10

- ◆ **God's Love is unmerited!** – John 3:16; Rom 5:8
- ◆ **The means of salvation is unmerited!** – Mat 26:28; Rom 5:8-10
- ◆ **All spiritual blessings in Christ are unmerited** – Eph. 1:3; John 3:16
- ◆ **God's grace received conditionally** – 2 Cor. 6:1,2



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SAVED

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Cannot Boast

- ✦ Salvation is a gift of God which no man deserves – Rom 3:23
- ✦ Salvation is received through the means of our faith – John 8:24; Heb 11:6
- ✦ Salvation not earned through our own merits – Rom. 11:6
- ✦ No saved man can boast – Rom. 4:2

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- ✦ Noah saved by grace through faith – Gen. 6:8; Heb 11:7
- ✦ Walls of Jericho fell by grace through faith – Joshua 6:2,15,16,20; Heb 11:30
- ✦ Naaman healed by grace through faith – 2 Kings 5:1-19; Lk 4:27
- ✦ Obedience by faith does not nullify God's grace!



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## Titus 3:3-5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

# We Are Not Saved By Works.

## SALVATION

God's Kindness

God's Love

JESUS

Not by Works

But God's Mercy

Through W /R & R/HS

- ✦ God, in His kindness, love and mercy, has provided salvation for us through CHRIST!
- ✦ God's provision of salvation was NOT due to "works of righteousness which we have done" – Tit. 3:3; Rom. 5:6-8
- ✦ God saves through the means of Baptism and His Spirit - Col 2:11-13

# We Are Not Saved By Works,

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**Faith – Repentance –  
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**The  
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## Romans 4:1-8 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" <sup>4</sup> Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Abraham was not righteous because he had never sinned  
Abraham was a sinner counted as righteous through his faith

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## Romans 4:1-8 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup> *"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."*

The Law justified ONLY the sinless – Gal 3:10-12  
God justifies the sinner by grace through faith – Rom 4:12

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## ◆ **Sense of the term “works” defined in context –**

- ❖ Contrast of systems – (3:27,28)
- ❖ By grace through faith – not merited due to perfect Law keeping – (4:4; 9:32; 11:6; cf. Gal. 3:10-12)
- ❖ Obedience stressed by Paul in Romans – (Rom. 1:5; 4:12; 6:16-18; 16:26)



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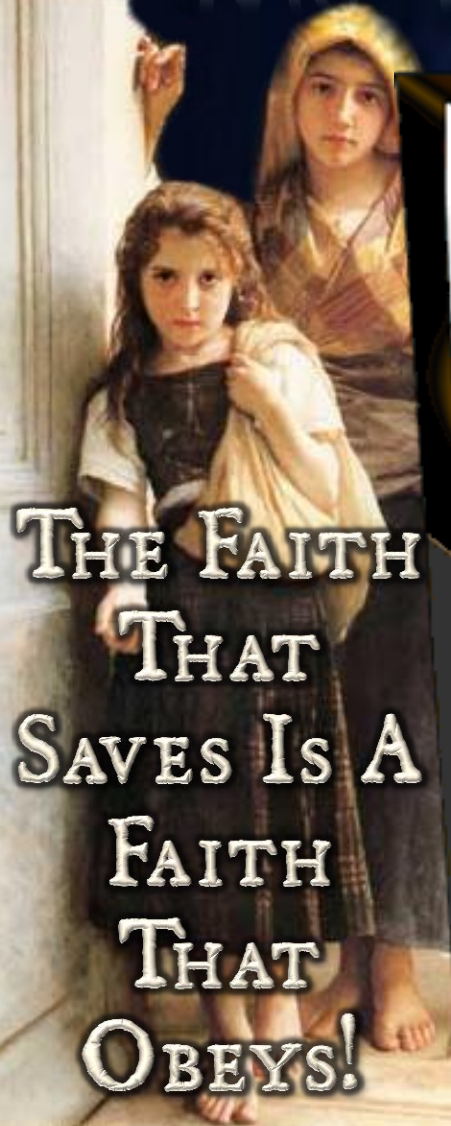
## **Romans 11:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

- ✦ Salvation is either merited or it is unmerited – It can't be both!
- ✦ Forgiveness is unmerited through Jesus Christ when we by faith obey Him – Heb. 5:8.9; Act 2:38

The Gospel is NOT a system based on MERIT – but forgiveness through Jesus Christ when we by faith obey Him –

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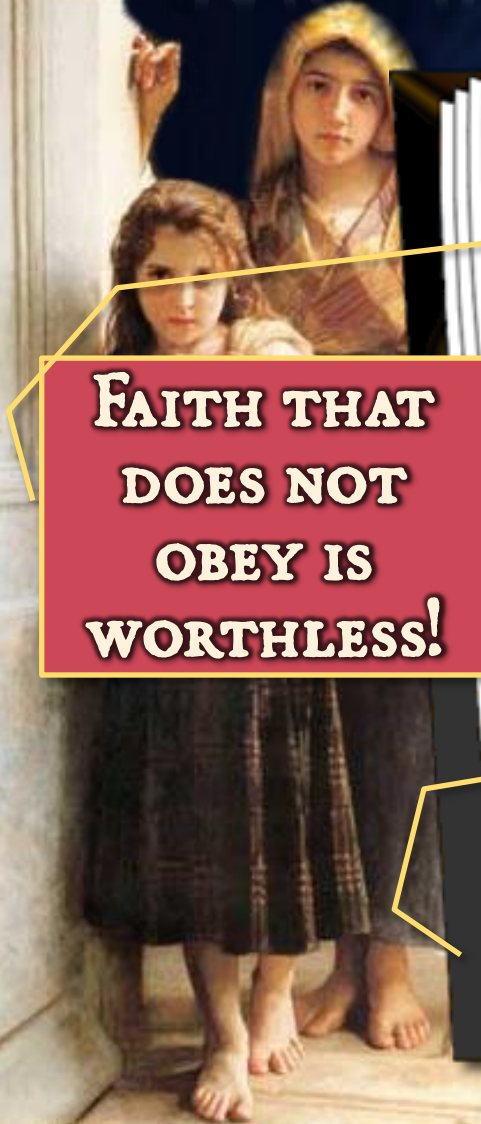
<sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?



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**James 2:14-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!



**FAITH THAT  
DOES NOT  
OBEY IS  
WORTHLESS!**

**DEMONS BELIEVE BUT DO NOT OBEY!**



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Genesis 22:16-19  
**BEFORE GOD!!**

**James 2:14-26 (NKJV)**  
<sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

What kind of faith did Abraham have?  
Rom 4:12

# We ARE Saved By Works.

Genesis 15:6  
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**James 2:14-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" And he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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Hebrews 11:31  
**RAHAB**  
**JUSTIFIED BY**  
**FAITH**

**James 2:14-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.





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**James 2:14 (NKJV)**

**What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?**

## FAITH THAT CAN'T SAVE

Inactive

Unfruitful

Disobedient

Incomplete

Dead

## FAITH THAT WILL SAVE

Active

Fruitful

Obedient

Complete

Alive

# Comparing Romans 4 + James 2

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**“WORKS used in  
two different  
senses or else a  
contradiction!**

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**ROMANS 4:1-6**

**Justified**

**Counted for  
righteousness**

**Fulfilled**

**Genesis 15:6**

**Strong**

**Not of works**



**JAMES 2:21-24**

**Justified**

**Counted for  
righteousness**

**Fulfilled**

**Genesis 15:6**

**Perfect**

**By works**

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# WE ARE SAVED BY WORKS, IF WE ARE USING THE TERM WORKS IN THE SENSE OF OBEYING THE LORD BY FAITH!

Conversions in Acts	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized
Pentecost – Acts 2:14-41		✓ 37,38		✓ 38,41
Samaria – Acts 8:5-13	✓ 12			✓ 12,13
Eunuch – Acts 8:35-39	✓ 36,37		✓ 37	✓ 38
Saul – Acts 9,22,26				✓ 22:16
Cornelius Acts 10:34-48	✓ 43			✓ 48
Lydia – Acts 16:13-15	✓ 14			✓ 15
Jailor – Acts 16:30-34	✓ 31			✓ 33
Corinthians Acts 18:8	✓ 8			✓ 8
Ephesians - Acts 19:3-5				✓ 5



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