

"Knowing that a man is Not justified by the works (obedience) of the Law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the Law: for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified." Galatians 2:16 KJV



God wrote it in stone with His own finger, and to this day, men still argue about the meaning of the transcriptions and translations. "That's not how it's written in the Bible!" or, "Each Bible is different. How do we know the right one?" As I recall Satan used questions to induce doubt in Eve. As far as translations go, the one authorized by King James the First is probably the best English translation available. It built on the work of Wycliffe, Tyndale, and an earlier translation known as the Great Bible along with many other ancient manuscripts. You can believe what you want, because you're going to anyway, but I use the King James translation, and believe it to be God's inspired, infallible, Holy Word, by faith alone. I will not argue about it. It stood as the accepted English translation for nearly 400 years. It wasn't until the late 1800's that NEW English translations began to appear. If it was good enough for John Addams, Patrick Henry, and George Washington, then it's good enough for me. They were a lot smarter than I'll ever be. Keeping The Law saves no one. Keeping the Law is obeying the Law. Obeying God's Word is not what saves a sinner. The Blood of Jesus saves all believing in God, trusting His Word, and is evidenced by their obedience to it in the face of opposition. It's easy to sail in the sunlight, but rather difficult to continue in the tempest. *"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His commandments, IS A LIAR, and the Truth is not in him."* Satan knows that pleasure is a man's weakness. For many pleasure is perceived as escape and anything that dulls the pain of life is pursued vigorously; sex, drugs, booze, wealth, and power! Our prisons and government are full of these! Many religions require keeping its laws to gain entrance to heaven, but faith in Christ alone saves; not good living, penance, baptism, communion, or a slew of other things touted as the keys to eternal Life. Faith, of necessity, demands obedience to God's Word. *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith BY my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"* If your "faith" doesn't motivate you to obey God's Word in the storms of life, then you have none, because SAYING so doesn't MAKE it so!

Keeping The Law will always fail,
An entrance into Heaven's vale,
To walk beyond the pale of death,
A soul must practice Holy Faith. ~CGP

If you are trying to get to heaven through anything but faith in Christ, you are doomed to failure. Human efforts are like a grain of sand in the Sahara compared to the work of Christ on the cross. God is the final Judge and He will except nothing but faith. *"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed. Faith is...the evidence of things not seen."* Faith believes God's Word, and when all else rebels against it, faith is the supernatural sight born of supernatural Love. Faith and Love are the senses of our spirit after God's own presence quickens us. Faith and Love make Truth an absolute reality. We can say with Paul, *"I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."* True believers obey God, because their born-again spirit hears His Voice!

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;" Titus 3:5-6 KJV