

"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?" James 2:19-20 KJV



Weeks of training and instruction are just part of the preparation required to skydive. No small amount of faith is placed in a gossamer thin fabric that carries jumpers safely to earth from thousands of feet in the air. If a parachute is not precisely folded it will not perform. Everything must be done exactly by-the-book or the jump will be fatal! There can be no deviation from the right way for there to be success. One might sincerely believe it is possible to jump out of a plane and float safely to earth, but until they actually jump, by the book, it's just lip service. Many profess Christianity, but few actually obey God's Word. Knowing God exists is not enough. You must trust and obey God's Word to receive eternal life! God has "*commanded men everywhere to repent.*" Obedience IS repentance! The devils know God exists, but do not obey Him. When you declare faith in God, saying so, doesn't make it so any more than barking makes you a dog. Faith IS obedience, but faith without it is DEAD! The skydiver's faith in the parachute which captures the unseen air enables him to fly, but only if he meticulously follows all the rules; otherwise he's dead! The laws of aerodynamics and physics, if strictly obeyed, will allow soaring with the eagles. God's laws, if strictly adhered to, will allow us to soar above all of life's storms! We don't have to see God to trust Him, just as the skydiver doesn't have to see the air to trust it. Obedience of God's Word predetermines the outcome. The law of gravity kills those who disregard it, and the Law of God will do the same. Those who disregard it will learn, too late, of their foolishness!

Faith light as a feather and strong as a gale,
God's power for the faithful will never fail,
When we reach the close of our sojourn below,
Faith safely presents us to Heaven's bright glow. ~CGP

Good works will never produce faith just like jumping from a plane makes you a parachutist or guarantees a safe landing. The rules have to be precisely followed. Acting like a Christian is like jumping without a parachute or barking like a dog Neither makes you either! Without Divine law to govern the unseen elements, even the parachutist would die. God quickens and transforms the spirit of every penitent heart that cries to Him for mercy, "*for WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED!*" God sustains and keeps every obedient child with the "*Word of Truth*" and reserves an eternal place for them at His side! Without the power of God's Word, there are no absolutes upon which to depend. You could not breathe if God had not premixed the atmosphere with the exact proportions of gases. (Something evolutionists never address.) Hydrogen is explosive in the presence of oxygen and heat, yet water, which is two Hydrogen atoms bonded to one Oxygen atom (H₂O), is used to extinguish fire. It is so because God said it was so! Sodium and chlorine are toxic to humans, but sodium chloride (NaCl) is salt. God's Word is absolute! Whether or not you obey or regard it makes no difference! Obedience to God's Word is the evidence of faith. Disobedience is the absence of faith!

"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep (obey) His commandments (Word). For this is the Love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and THIS IS THE VICTORY that overcometh the world, EVEN OUR FAITH." 1 John 5:2-4 KJV