



# FAITH ALONE HERESY?

Is faith alone unto salvation Biblical?



## Confess Jesus

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

**Matthew 10:32-33 KJV**



**01**

JUSTIFY

OR



36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

**Matthew 12:36-37 KJV**

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

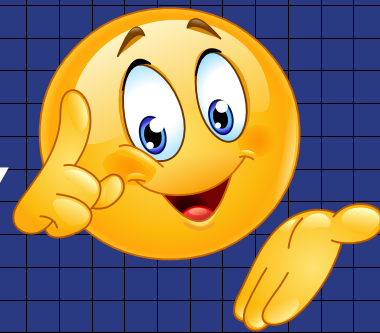
**Romans 10:9-10 KJV**

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**BELIEVE & OBEY!**

# WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH & WORKS



Faith & Obedience!

## Faith without works is dead

17 Even **so faith**, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

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

**James 2:17,24 KJV**

## Bible Example of faith without works

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also **many believed on him**; but because of the Pharisees **they did not confess him**, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

**John 12:42-43 KJV**



These chief rulers **BELIEVED** in Jesus but **DID NOT CONFESS** Him because of fear of the Pharisees.

The Greek word **pisteuo** is the same greek word used in Romans 10:9-10 by the Apostle Paul.

These chief rulers had **FAITH ALONE** but they could **NOT BE SAVED** because they **DID NOT confess (obey) which is a WORK!**

# COMPARING JOHN 12 & ROMANS 10



## John 12:42

12:42 ὅμως μέντοι καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν εἰς αὐτόν ἀλλὰ διὰ τοὺς Φαρισαίους οὐχ ὡμολόγουν ἵνα μὴ ἀποσυνάγωγοι γένωνται·

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English (KJV) [?]	Strong's	Inflected, Root & Transliterated	Parsing
		καὶ	
many	ḡ4183	πολλοὶ πολύς polys	A-NPM
believed	ḡ4100	ἐπίστευσαν πιστεύω pisteuō	V-AAI-3P
on	ḡ1519	εἰς εἰς eis	PREP
him;	ḡ846	αὐτόν αὐτός autos	P-ASM

## Definition of Believe

### Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in
  - A. of the thing believed
    - i. to credit, have confidence
  - B. in a moral or religious reference
    - i. used in the NT of the conviction and trust to which a man is impelled by a certain inner and higher prerogative and law of soul
    - ii. to trust in Jesus or God as able to aid either in obtaining or in doing something: saving faith
    - iii. mere acknowledgment of some fact or event: intellectual faith
- II. to entrust a thing to one, i.e. his fidelity
  - A. to be entrusted with a thing

### Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

πιστεύω **pisteuō**, pist-yoo'-o; from Ḡ4102; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by implication, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ):—believe(-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

# COMPARING JOHN 12 & ROMANS 10



## Romans 10:9

Textus Receptus

10:9 ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσης ἐν τῷ στόματί σου κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ πιστεύσης ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ὅτι ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν σωθήσῃ·

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English (KJV) [?]	Strong's	Inflected, Root & Transliterated <i>σινια</i>	Parsing
the Lord PHRASE	g2962	κύριον κύριος kyrios	N-ASM
Jesus,	g2424	Ἰησοῦν Ἰησοῦς iēsous	N-ASM
and	g2532	καὶ καί kai	CONJ
shalt believe PHRASE	g4100	πιστεύσης πιστεύω pisteuō	V-AAS-2S

**THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO GENUINELY BELIEVE IN JESUS BUT WILL NOT CONFESS OR OBEY HIM BECAUSE OF FEAR.**

# CONFESSION OF FAITH



## Pharisees did not want people to confess Jesus

22 These words spake his parents, because **they feared the Jews**: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

**John 9:22 KJV**

## Our Confession of FAITH

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 **Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God**, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**1 John 4:14-15 KJV**

# FAITH ALONE IS HERESY!



## Chief Rulers Loved their lives

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

John 12:25 KJV

## Chief Rulers DID NOT DENY THEMSELVES

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

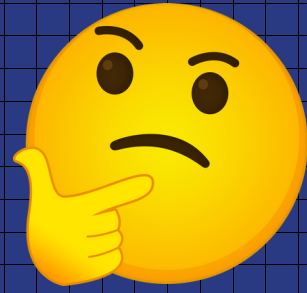
Luke 9:23-24 KJV

## Chief Rulers DID NOT forsake ALL!

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you **that forsaketh not all** that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33 KJV

# POSSIBLE REFUTE TO JOHN 12:42?



## Using John 5:44

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

John 5:44 KJV

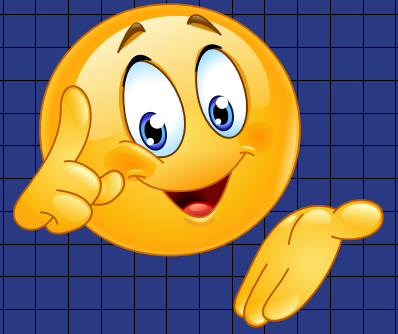
This Scripture may be used by some to refute that the Chief Rulers did not really believe because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. This is an assumption as Jesus **NEVER** says that it is impossible or they couldn't believe because they seek the honor of men.

**\*Most people teach that TRUE FAITH will AUTOMATICALLY produce works.** Is this statement Biblical?

## Exegesis

Jesus is asking this group of people a question saying, "how can you believe when you are receiving honor from man instead of SEEKING glory from God?" Jesus' question is addressing their FOCUS. They are seeking glory from man instead from God. This does NOT imply that they could not believe or have faith. The chief rulers believed later on but because of **FEAR** they did not confess Jesus. They loved the praise of men more than **loving God (dead faith James 2:17)**. Jesus tells the group in John 5 what they DO NOT HAVE in John 5:42.

# RESPONDING TO THE REFUTE OF JOHN 12:42



## John 5:42

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

**John 5:42 KJV**

Is it possible to have faith but NOT have the love of God? **YES!**

**1 John 4:8**

Is it possible to have faith in Jesus but be in fear? **YES!**

Do we have Biblical Evidence of people having FAITH but no WORKS because of FEAR and loving the praise of men? **YES!**

Does Faith "**automatically**" produce works? **NO!** (it doesn't automatically, meaning always, but it can produce works)

## What else produces works of obedience?

Jesus said, If you **LOVE** Me you will obey my commandments. (**John 14:15, John 14:21, John 14:23-24.**)

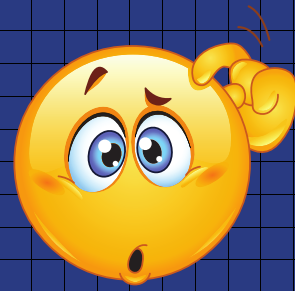
Paul says our **faith** must be **activated** by **LOVE**. (**Galatians 5:6**)

John says, perfect **LOVE** casts out fear. (**1 John 4:18**)

1st & Greatest commandment is to **LOVE GOD** with **ALL** your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Many have faith but lack the love of God.



# WE DON'T HAVE TO LOVE GOD?



## Teaching Faith without Loving God?

13 And so faith, hope, love abide [faith—conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope—joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love—true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us], these three; **but the greatest of these is love.**

**1 Corinthians 13:13 AMPC**



Teaching we are saved without obedience is teaching we **DO**  
**NOT** have to love God.



# WARNING

\*If you have been preaching "FAITH ALONE", please  
REPENT!

If you know someone else who has been also preaching  
"FAITH ALONE", please correct them in love.

Let us remember that at one point in our lives we were  
all once deceived. But God who is patient and merciful  
showed great patience and mercy towards us so let us do  
the same to others.



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