

**2. Obedience is the
evidence of our faith.**
Occasionally, in
Scripture it seems like
obedience is what leads
to salvation.



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Hebrews 5:9 (NASB)

9 And having been made perfect,
He became to all those who obey
Him the source of eternal
salvation,

Matthew 19:16-17 (NASB)

16 And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Acts 5:32 (NASB)

32 And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

It is NOT possible to
have faith and at the
same time not strive to
be obedient to God's
Word.



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We know for certain that obedience cannot earn us God's plan of salvation and thus negate God's grace and love for us. If we were to trust in our own works for God's salvation, then who are we placing our trust and faith in, God or ourselves?

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and [a]that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

That is as clear as day.
Salvation is by grace
through faith and not by
works. So, in reality,
obedience is just the
resulting output of our
faith in God's Word.



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When we have faith and trust in God and His Word, it will manifest as obedience to God and His Word in our lives. If one is not striving to obey God's Word out of a response to God's love (grace), then that individual does not have faith.

Romans 1:5 (NASB)

5 through whom we have received
grace and apostleship to bring
about the obedience of faith
among all the Gentiles for His
name's sake,

Romans 16:26

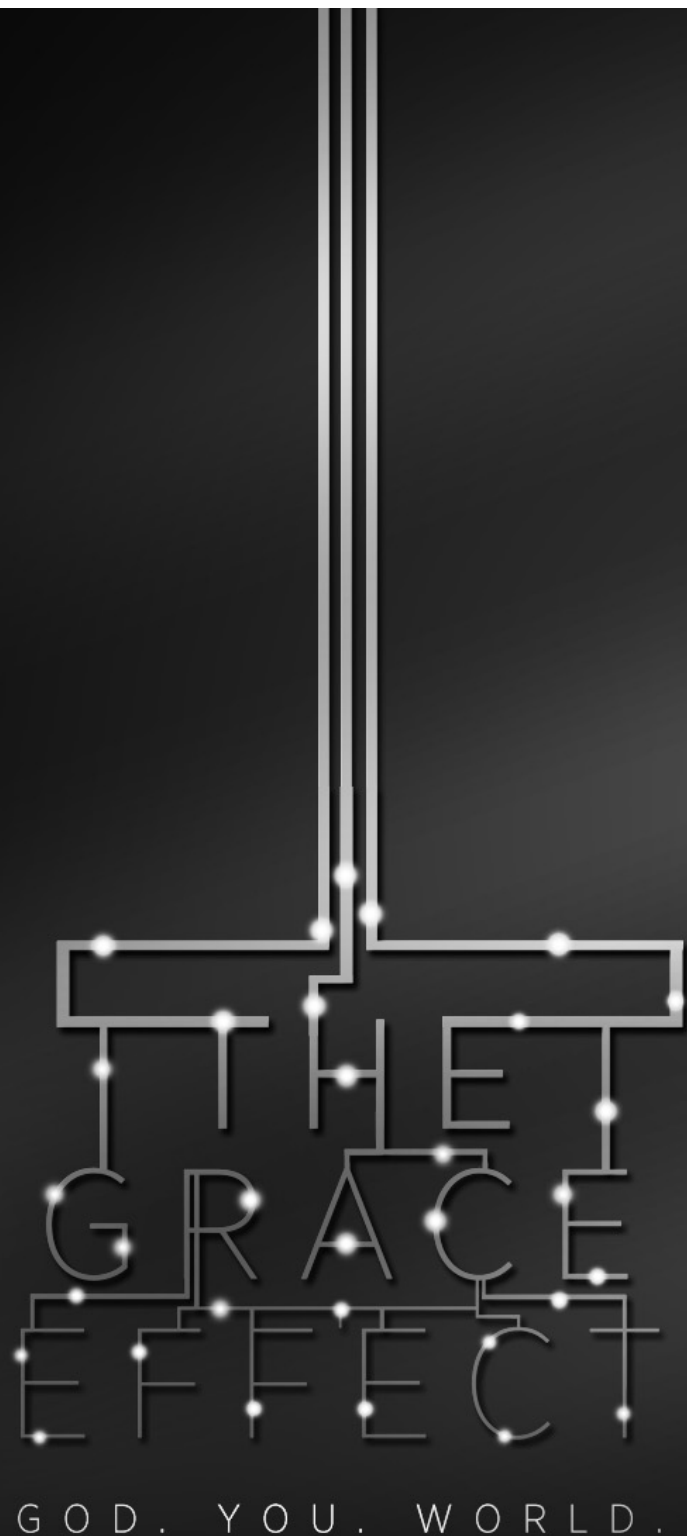
“but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey Him.”

James 2:18

“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.”

John 3:36

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”



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It is unfortunate this verse is not as well-known as verse John 3:16. Do you see the significant point of the passage? The words “believe” and “obey” are put in positions of equality.



The writer is using the technique of repetition of the opposite as a means of emphasis (“he who believes...but he who does not obey”). The person who “does not obey” Christ, does not truly “believe” in Christ.

Acts 16:30-33 (NASB)

30 and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

33 And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household.

Look especially at verse
thirty-four: the jailor
rejoiced greatly, “having
believed in God.” What
did his believing include?
It included obedience to
the “Word of the Lord.”
It included baptism.



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Hebrews 3:18-19

¹⁸And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Compare this with Hebrews 4:2 where the Israelites fell in the wilderness because the word “was not united by faith.” And also 4:6, which says they failed to enter the Promised Land “because of disobedience.”



Just before James stated that without works faith is dead, he said:

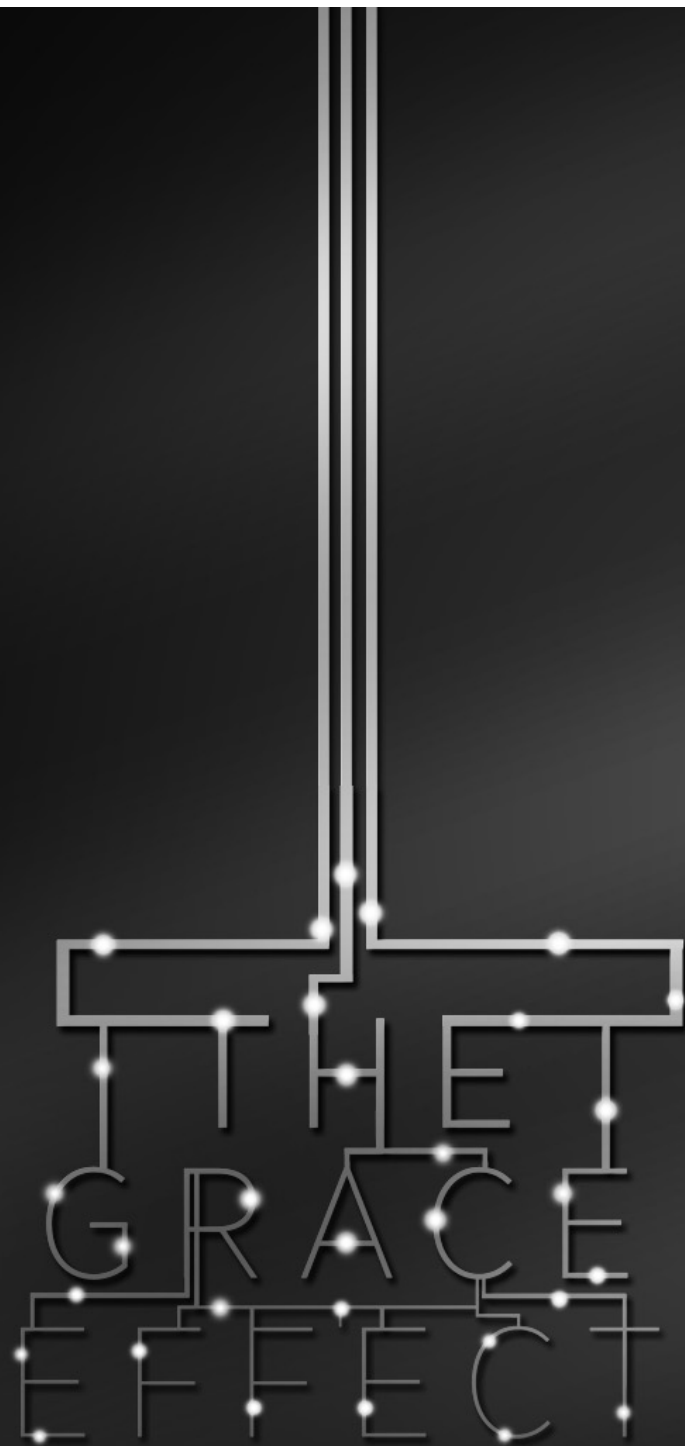
James 2:19

“You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

The demons also
“believe” and
apparently fear God,
but we do not see them
committing and trusting
in God and His Word,
do we?



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If we truly believe in
God, then we would
also believe the Bible;
and if we truly believe
in the Bible, we would
then do what the Bible
tells us to do.

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When we receive the Truth and choose to ignore it, that is a different story. We are then insulting the Spirit of grace and that results in God's wrath. We are then destroying our faith in His Word and thus faith in God Himself.



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Hebrews 10:26-31

²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

28 Anyone who rejected the Law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge His people.” 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

There will be many that thought that they would be excited about the return of the Lord, on the Day of the Lord, but Scripture says many will be ashamed. Those who are covered by the Truth of God's Word will not be ashamed.



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Those hiding behind the
coverings of the
doctrines of men
contrary to the Truth
will be ashamed.



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Just like in the garden, the knowledge of sin exposed their nakedness and all they had was fig leaves. There will be many just wearing fig leaves on the Day of the Lord, hiding from the Lord in shame instead of wrapped and clothed in the Word of God.



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