

Is Your Belief System Offline?

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Scripture References:

- Deuteronomy 28:1-13
- James 2:10
- Matthew 5:17, 18
- Hebrews 3:18, 19, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 4:3, 11, *NKJV*
- Galatians 5:1, 7, *NKJV*
- Romans 6:14, 16, 17, *NKJV*
- Romans 5:18, *NLT*
- Romans 3:24, *NKJV*
- Ephesians 4:23, *NKJV*
- Mark 7:13
- Isaiah 54:9, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 9:28, *NLT*
- 1 Timothy 2:4, *NKJV*
- John 16:8, 9, *NKJV*

Summary:

*In the Old Testament, the focus was on performing; in the New Testament, the focus is on faith. What's necessary is not faith in our own performance, but in **Jesus'** perfect performance and what He has already done. This is what positions us to receive the blessings promised in the Bible. The Gospel of Grace emphasizes the link between belief and obedience; as Christians, we mustn't stumble and fall back into thinking that our works are more important than our faith in Christ. With this in mind, we must abandon the self-efforts that religion demands from us and simply trust in Jesus.*

Notes:

1. God equates obedience with belief. In light of that, our actions aren't the first place where we must obey. Under grace, our obedience begins with believing the gospel.
2. Our belief matters. It determines whether we continue to struggle, or whether we rest.
3. As a whole, the church does not understand that we are now under grace. All kinds of crazy behaviors stem from living under the law. The teaching we listen to affects our behavior because it determines what we believe.
4. Faith in what Jesus did, not in what we do, makes us justified. Justification is a free gift from God to all who believe. *He* makes us righteous.

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