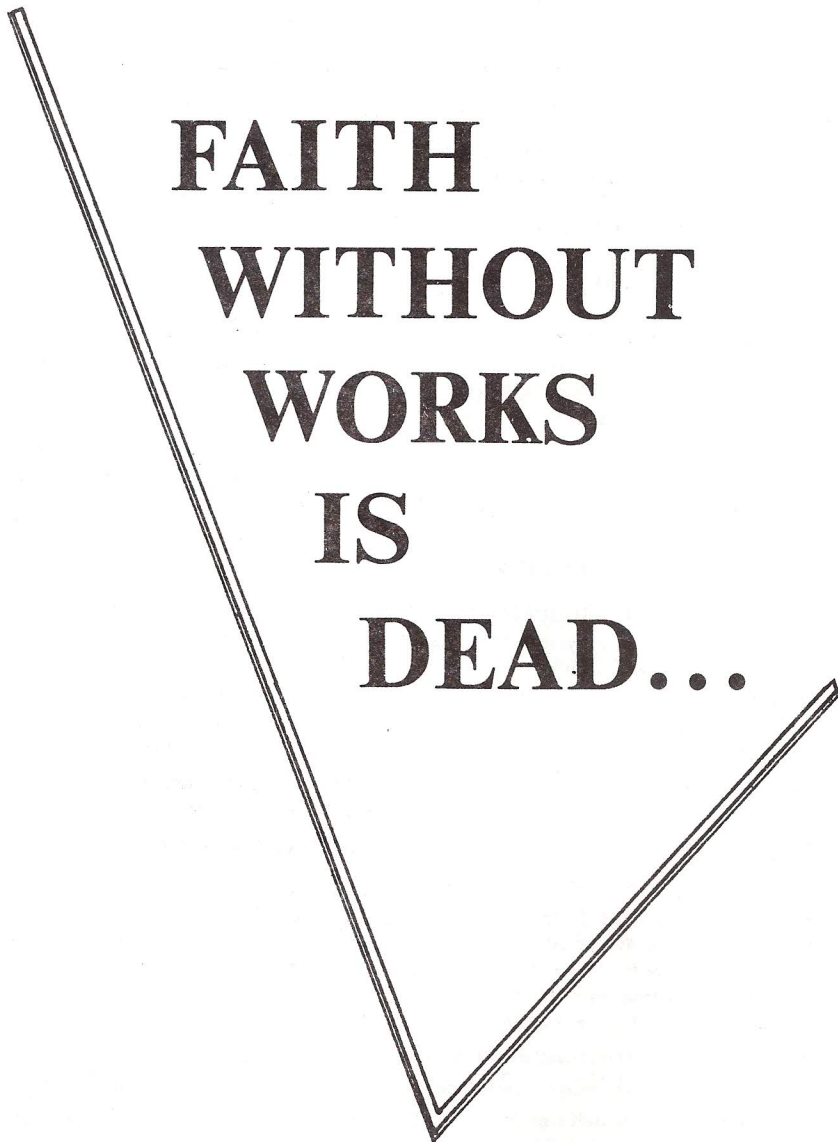


**FAITH
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DEAD...**



Yes, faith without works is dead, but you're still saved by a *saving faith alone*. Try to understand this: "*Faith alone saves, but a saving faith is never alone.*" In other words, the kind of faith that can save you will eventually *result* in works. For example, sheep don't go "baa, baa" to *become* sheep, they go "baa, baa" because they *already are!* John put it this way;

... ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. (I John 2:29)

Notice that it says "born of him" and not "born of good works."

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God*: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8,9)

You can't earn "*the gift of God.*" Imagine that it is Christmas morning and you have offered a gift to your son. He tries to give you money for the gift. How would you feel? You might feel hurt and even insulted. If he insisted on trying to pay you something for it, you probably wouldn't give it to him. *Have you been doing this to God?* Is your pride getting in the way of your receiving the gift of eternal life on *His terms?* Do you lack the saving faith that pleases God (cf. Hebrews 11:6) and makes your heart clean before Him?

... purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. (Acts 15:9-11)

BUT ALL MY GOOD WORKS MUST MEAN THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN!!

Please be *very* careful here. Take a close look at your good works. Would you call preaching a false gospel that can damn someone to the lake of fire, a *good* work? If I took you the hospital when you were sick and gave you money when you were poor, but then told you a gospel that was going to cost you eternal life, could I still be called a true Christian? Paul, a *true* Apostle, gave a *very serious warning*:

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:8)

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL THAT PAUL PREACHED, AND IS IT THE SAME AS THE L.D.S. GOSPEL??

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, ... By which also ye are saved, ... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Ce'-phas, ... (I Corinthians 15:1-5)

Please notice: Christ didn't sweat for our sins, and there are *no laws* in this Gospel (Good News). The L.D.S. 3rd Article of Faith says however:

We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

Clearly, this is a false gospel. Woe unto those who preach it. Paul *really* meant the warning of Galatians 1:8 (also see vs. 9). Those who put laws into the *Good News* have just made it *bad news*. Galatians 2:16 tells us:

... a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, ...

