

Just Believe, Don't Perform
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Scriptures:

- Romans 1:16
- John 6:28, 29, *NLT*
- 1 Peter 2:22
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 John 3:5
- Hebrews 4:10
- Genesis 15:6
- Genesis 20:1-7, 11, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 15:56
- Titus 2:11-13
- Romans 6:14

Summary:

*Under the new covenant, our faith is more important to God than our works. This isn't to say that a holy lifestyle no longer matters to Him, just that it's now possible to live that way through trust in Him, rather than through self-effort. Trusting God involves relying on Him and putting our confidence in Him. Our belief and dependence, first, allows us to receive from Him; this requires that we have a personal relationship with Him. Relying on God moves us away from feeling like we're obligated to perform to please Him; believing that we've already been made the righteousness of God causes us to **want** to live that way. God has forgiven us of all our sins, and He sees us as righteous, even when we behave badly. Faith like Abraham's makes us holy before God, no matter what we do.*

Notes:

1. We receive from God when we believe Him first; genuine faith moves us out of self-effort.
2. There's a difference between believing something and receiving it. Believing Jesus means taking Him into our hearts and into our lives; to receive is to receive something *from* Him. Righteousness is a gift from Him that must be received.
3. Jesus exchanged His righteousness for our sins; believing this makes us right with God. Jesus, who was sinless, took all of *our* sins and went to hell for us so that we could be found righteous and go to heaven.
4. Our moral compass is no longer the law, but the Holy Spirit. There's a mindset that says we need the law to be our moral compass and teach us how to behave. Under grace, our moral compass is now the Holy Spirit, who guides us into all the truth.

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