

PATH **to**

RIGHT BUSINESS

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A Lessons For Life Book

Introduction

Details how to spend eternity in Heaven with Christ from a viewpoint of two paths.

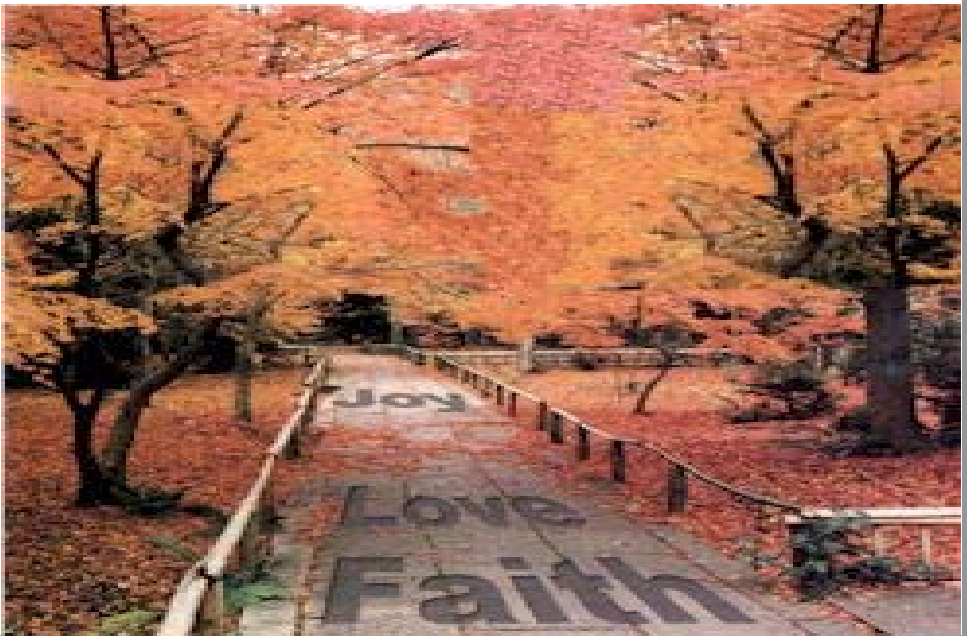
One path is a person who lives their life casually thinking they have all the time in the world to choose Christ.

The other path, is of a born-again Christian who attends church most of their life, does ministry work, etc.

PATH TO RIGHTEOUSNESS...

examines which one of these two paths would make it.

And, it challenges every Christian to ask themselves which path they're on.



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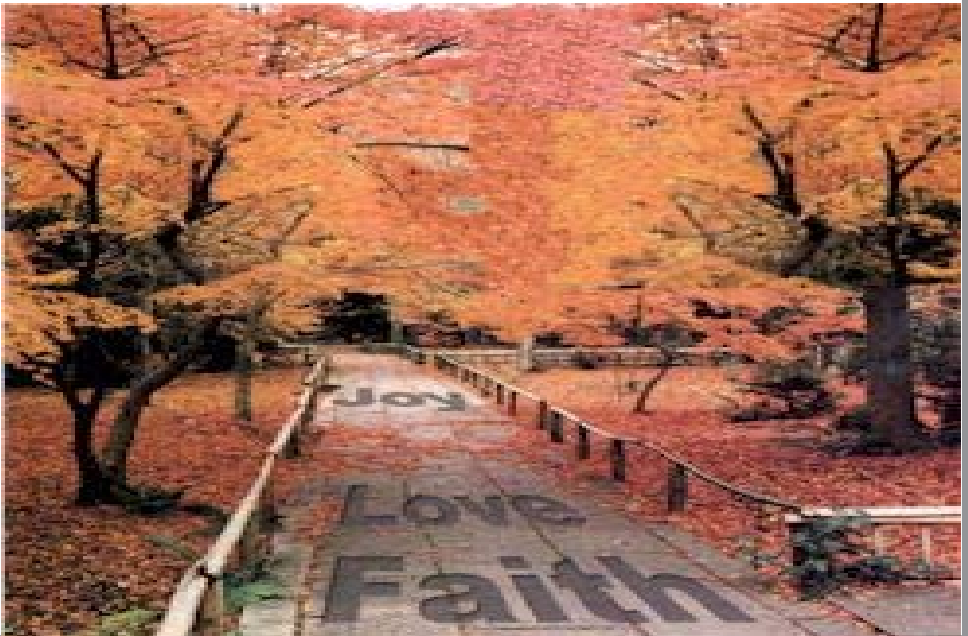
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CHAPTER 1

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INTRODUCTION TO RIGHTEOUSNESS



THE BIBLE SAYS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BECOME RIGHTEOUS.

One of the most popular scriptures from the Bible, that most Christians can probably quote from memory, is the 23rd Psalm. The 3rd verse in that psalm reads, "He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake." Part of the scripture in Ezekiel 18:20 says, "The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him." 2nd Corinthians 5:21 tells us that "God made Him who had no sin be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

Several other scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, show righteousness In fact, Abraham's faith, and his sacrifice of Isaac, and how it was credited to him as righteousness is mentioned more times than any other scripture on righteousness in the Bible. Others include:

- 1st Samuel 26:23 The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness.
- Matthew 5:6 Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are filled.
- Matthew 5:20 Our righteousness must surpass that of the Pharisees.
- Matthew 6:33 Seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness...
- Romans 6:13 Offer our bodies to Him as instruments of righteousness.
- 2nd Timothy 3:16 God's Word is useful for training in righteousness.
- Ephesians 6:14 Righteousness is a primary piece of God's Armor.
- 2nd Timothy 4:8 The crown of righteousness is in store for us.
- Hebrews 11:7 Noah's faith made him an heir to righteousness.

Righteousness comes by faith. But anyone in the Bible credited with righteousness not only had faith, but they put their faith into action. Noah's faith made him condemn the world, put his faith into action and build an ark. Had he not put his faith into action, he would have drowned along with everyone else. The same is true in my life, and probably yours too. I had the faith that these books would get published some day, but had I just continued to sit back, and only pray that it would happen, rather than taking the steps to put my faith in action, and follow God's lead to make it happen, you wouldn't be reading this right now.

Let's examine two paths:

- 1) FAITHFUL: A born-again Christian who attends church most of their life, serves in the church, matures to leadership in the church, and does ministry work.
- 2) BELIEVER: A person who accepts salvation, gets baptized, then lives their life casually thinking they have all the time in the world to live a Christian life.

Let's look at the chart on the next page and examine, which of these two should make it to Heaven.



JAMES 2:14-26
“What good it is my brothers,
if a man claims to have faith
but has no deeds?
Can his faith save him?
...
**FAITH
WITHOUT
WORKS
IS DEAD”**

**SERVING
(outside the church)**

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(outside the church)**

- Mission Work
- Widows & Orphans
- Minister to Prisoners
- Feed the Hungry
- Visit the Sick
- Street Evangelism

- Believes Mission Work is for Nuns
- Knows His Grandma is a Widow
- Been to Prison Once for DWI
- Was In a Food Line Once
- Thinks He'll Get Sick in a Hospital
- Thinks Evangelists are crazy

**LEADERSHIP
(in the church)**

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(in the church)**

- Directs the Choir
- Teaches Sunday School
- Teaches Bible Study
- Ministry Chairperson
- Associate Minister
- Trustee of the Church

- Directs His Secular Band
- Gifted to Teach But Never Comes
- Never Opens His Bible
- Doesn't Know What Ministry Is
- Avoids Any Kind of Minister
- Has No Clue What Trustee Is

**SERVING
(in the church)**

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(in the church)**

- Choir Member
- Church Secretary
- Member of the Deacons
- Serves as an Usher
- One Of The Musicians
- Member of Praise Team

- Member of Secular Group
- Never Met the Church Secretary
- Avoids the Deacons
- Sees Ushers On Holidays
- Is A Musician In His Band
- Says He Praises His Own Way

**SERVICE
(in the church)**

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(in the church)**

- Accepts Salvation
- Is Baptized
- Worships Often
- Sunday School
- Bible Study
- Prays Daily

- Accepts Salvation
- Is Baptized
- Worships Easter & Mom's Day
- Sunday School Once
- Bible Study Once
- Prays Every Now & Then

FAITHFUL

BELIEVER

WHICH OF THE PATHS DO YOU BELIEVE WILL MAKE IT?

Would it be the one named FAITHFUL, who spends his life working on his salvation through the steps outlined in great detail in the Bible.

Or, would it be BELIEVER, who spends his life going to church every now and then, mostly on holidays but does nothing else to work on his salvation.

James 2:19 says “...even demons believe” but the verses around that also talk about having faith but no works.

Every Christian must have faith. And every Christian must have works. This is the simple formula that earns us righteousness.

Believing in God is not the end of our faith. It is the beginning. If we believe in God we must follow what He has taught us, shown us, and gave examples for us in His Word, through the lives of others, through many instructions, examples, and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Both FAITHFUL and BELIEVER identify themselves as Christians, but who do you believe Christ will identify as a Christian?

In Matthew 25:35-36 Jesus points out that even if we drive out demons in His name, but do not feed the hungry, visit the sick, minister to prisoners, help strangers, etc., we will end up in the line with others that He called goats, who will be set aside to spend eternity in hell.

And they’ll be in hell, probably thinking about where they went wrong, and trying to figure out and determine what it was that they *didn’t* do, but by then, it will be.....too late.

CHAPTER 2



WHICH PATH ARE YOU ON?



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Would it be the path of the one named FAITHFUL, who spends his life working on his salvation through the steps outlined in great detail in the Bible. Or, would it be BELIEVER, who spends his life going to church every now and then, mostly on holidays but does nothing else to work on his salvation.

Again, both FAITHFUL and BELIEVER identify themselves as Christians, but who do you believe Christ will identify as a Christian? Which one do you identify with?

Use the check boxes below to help determine which path you're on, and which of these essential things on the left side you may be missing.

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God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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