

Faith

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The religion of Christianity is one of faith. Other religions might have an icon, a statue, or even another human being that one might talk to face to face. Christianity, on the other hand, is the worship of Jehovah God through His Son Jesus Christ.

We have neither seen nor heard either one directly. We only know of them by studying and listening to preachers and teachers.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? (Rom. 10:14). And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (2Tim.2:15)

No need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom.10:17).

If we are to be acceptable to God, we must be knowledgeable in His word and His commandments. The only way we can be worthy in God's sight is to be obedient to Him. He will not accept halfhearted service.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Heb.11:6).

You will notice that one must diligently seek Him.

Webster's American Dictionary defines diligence (adj) thus: Constant in effort to accomplish something; attentive and persistent in doing anything done or pursued with persevering attention; painstaking.

We need to ask ourselves. Does this describe our own worship of God?

I believe we are to enjoy our lives going about benefiting from doing what we like to do, whether it's sports, traveling or any other kind of entertainment. God expects us to first obey our parents, then to take care of our family when we are grown.

All along our journey through life, God expects diligent service from each of us. Along with that service He expects us to be workers in His kingdom.

We are saved by grace and good works as well. (Eph.2:8-10) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Jesus said in the gospel John chapter 14 verse six, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me".