



Faith.

Ephesians 2:8-10

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A COMMON



MISCONCEPTION

COMMON
MISUNDERSTANDING:
**The good things we do
save us & get us to
heaven**

A large crowd of people is seated in a park-like setting, facing a large screen. The screen displays the title 'THE GOOD PLACE' in large green letters, with 'ORIENTATION: DAY ONE' in smaller green letters below it. The background shows a row of colorful houses with balconies and flower boxes.

THE GOOD PLACE

ORIENTATION: DAY ONE

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Ah. Hello, everyone.

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WHY ARE WE SAVED BY FAITH & NOT WORKS?



So that no one
can boast



Because we can't
manage to save
ourselves



Charles Blondin
1824—97

French acrobat who
crossed the Niagara
Gorge on a tightrope



**“TRUE FAITH IS BELIEF
PLUS TRUST.”**

R. Kent Hughes



**Jesus can bring us
safely over 'the
tightrope of our
death' into eternal life**

01. He took our
punishment for us

02. He gave his
righteousness to us

03. He overcame
death for us

HOW ABOUT YOU?



Will you put your faith in Jesus?
Will you believe and trust in Him?

“For we live by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 5:7



WHAT NOW?



**What role does
faith have in the
life of a Christian?**

_What does living
by faith mean?

**Living by faith
means trusting
God will help us
through our
challenges**

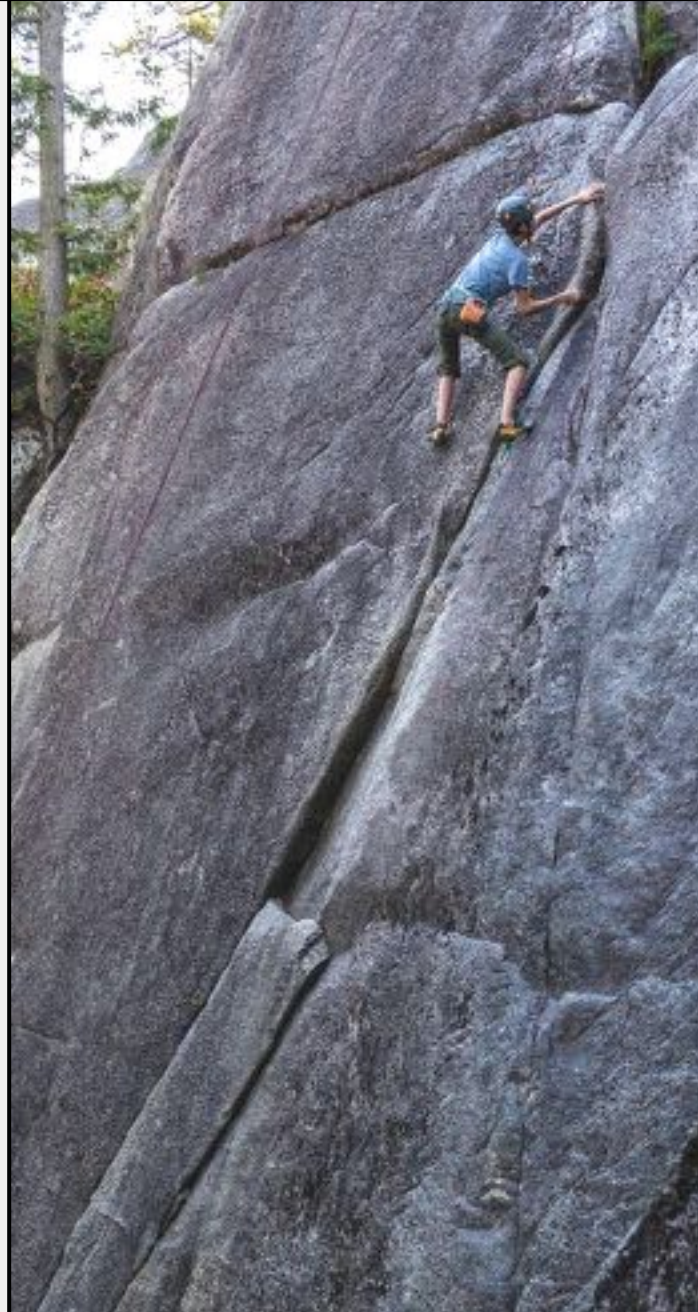


“Some trust in chariots
and some in horses, but we
trust in the name of the
Lord our God.” Ps. 20:7

_What does
living by faith
mean?



**Living by faith means
holding on to the
truths that are now
mine through Jesus**



“The thief comes
to steal and
destroy.” Jn. 10:10



I am accepted

**I renounce the lie that I am rejected, unloved, or shameful.
In Christ I am accepted. God says:**

- **I am God's child (John 1:12)**
- **I am Christ's friend (John 15:5)**
- **I am a saint, a holy one (Ephesians 1:1)**
- **I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27)**
- **I have been adopted into God's family (Ephesians 1:5)**
- **I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (Col. 1:14)**
- **I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)**



I am secure

**I renounce the lie that I am guilty,
unprotected, alone, or abandoned.
In Christ I am secure. God says:**

- **I am a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)**
- **I am free from condemnation (Romans 8:1–2)**
- **I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)**
- **I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35–39)**
- **I can find grace and mercy to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16)**
- **I am assured that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28)**



I am significant

I renounce the lie that I am worthless, inadequate, helpless, or hopeless.

In Christ I am significant. God says:

- **I am God's workmanship, created for good works (Eph. 2:10)**
- **I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)**
- **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Phil. 4:13)**
- **I have been chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit (John 15:16)**
- **I am a branch of the true vine, Jesus, a channel of His life (Jn. 15:1,5)**
- **I am not the great "I Am," but by the grace of God I am what I am.**

(See Exodus 3:14; John 8:24, 28, 58; 1 Corinthians 15:10.)

_What does living
by faith mean?

**Living by faith
means trusting
God even when I'm
struggling**



“The righteous shall —
live by faith.”
Habakkuk 2:4b

_What does
living by faith
mean?



**Living by faith
is living in
God's love**



"For in Christ
Jesus neither
circumcision nor
uncircumcision
has any value. The
only thing that
counts is faith
expressing itself
through love."
Galatians 5:6

_What does living
by faith mean?

**Living by faith
means being
confident about
the future because
of the past**



“Now faith is confidence
in what we hope for and
assurance about what we
do not see.” Heb. 11:1



PAUSE



How has God been
speaking to me?

What goes God want
me to learn?