

## THE FALLACY OF "BELIEVING"

James 2:14-26

Purity of doctrine is NOT the same as purity of life.

"Believing" in all the right doctrines does NOT make a person righteous.

"Believing" in the Bible does NOT make a person Biblical.

"Believing" in God does NOT make a person godly or even a Christian.

"Believing" in love does NOT make a person loving.

"Believing" in the gifts of God does NOT make a person gifted.

"Believing" in the power of God does NOT make a person powerful.

We cannot be content with the recitation of ideas and commitment to ideas. We must choose to RESPOND to the God of Truth, act on His Word (ideas) and practice that Word (ideas) by dependence on Him.

The word "believe" is not used in the Bible as mere intellectual acceptance. It means "personal acceptance with a decision to practice what is believed." (See Hebrews 11)

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