

1. THE ANSWER SIMPLE: "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Acts 8:37
2. THE SAME QUESTION TODAY.
 1. The same question today would elicit a multitude of answers
 2. Even today, when the truth is investigated and accepted, it gets right back to the question of having sufficient faith to obey.
3. SOME PRESENT DAY HINDERANCES.
 1. The doctrine of predestination doctrine has hindered some.
 1. Men are taught that they cannot come to God, but must be drawn by some power. What the Bible says:
 1. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28-30
 2. God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb 11:6 The predestinarian is hindered because he does not believe that he can obey the Lord unless forced to do so.
 2. The doctrine of Universalism has hindered some.
 1. The universalist feels that God will not let any of his creatures ^{perish} because we read John's words, "For God is love" (1 John 4:8.)
 2. To balance that we should read, Heb 12:29, 10:31.
 3. The doctrine of the DIRECT OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT has hindered some.
 1. God not respector of persons. Acts 10:34
 2. Examples:
 1. The Ethiopian eunuch seeking God, yet Philip was needed. Acts 8:27
 2. Cornelius, received one of the highest commendations ever given a non-Christian, yet Peter was needed. Acts 10:5,6
 3. Men of Macedonia were seeking God, but it was necessary for Paul to bring gospel. Acts 16:9
 3. Apollos knew Old Testament well, but got no further than John's baptism. Acts 18:24-26

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1. The doctrine of "FAITH ONLY" has hindered some.

1. One of the most popular misconceptions of God's plan of salvation is the doctrine of "faith only."
2. Such teachers point out Rom. 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
3. ~~They fail or refuse to take~~ **They fail or refuse to take** into consideration other passages that show justifying faith is always an obedient faith. Heb 11

2. The doctrine of GOODNESS, HONESTY, AND SINCERITY has hindered some.

1. Under the doctrine of Sincerity any one can fashion a belief that will save him.
2. EXAMPLES:
 1. Was Uzzah insincere when he tried to stay the ark of God from a fall? 2 Sam. 6:1-9; Num. 4:15
 2. Would you impugn the statement of Paul when he wrote Romans 10:1-3