

What Is Wrong With Salvation or Righteousness by Works

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1. The way of salvation was always Justification by Faith. (Acts 18:25, 26; Job 9:1; 2Pet 2:21).
2. This means the gift of Righteousness through the instrument of Faith. (Rom 3:22; Phil 3:9).
3. God gives it to the penitent by imputation. (Rom 4:36, 11).
4. It is conversion. (Acts 3:19; 1Cor 6:11).
5. It is the death of the Carnal Mind and the gift of the Spiritual mind. (Rom 8:6; Rom 5:1).
6. It is the new birth. (Gal 3:14; Jn 3:5, 6).
7. Justification by Faith was the ancient Faith established by God in the beginning.
 - a) Abel was righteous by faith. (Heb 11:4).
 - b) Noah was a preacher of Righteousness. (Heb 11:7; 2Pet 2:5).
 - c) Abraham was justified by Faith. (Gen 15:6; Rom 4:3).
 - d) King David had the same ancient faith. (Rom 4:6-8).
8. Abraham is the sociological father of all races who are saved through Righteousness by Faith. (Rom 4:9-13).
9. The blessing of Abraham is Righteousness by Faith (Gal 3:6-9)
10. Salvation or Righteousness by works is a sin (Gal 3:10)
 - a) It was sin in the First Witness (O.T) (Rom 4:1, 2; 2Cor 3:13).
 - b) It is still sin in the Second Witness (N.T). (Rom 3:20; 2Cor 3:14).
11. The following are the psychological sins from salvation or righteousness by works.
 - a) Pride or self-exaltation because of the works done. (1Jn 2:16).
 - b) Stupid self-sufficiency because one thinks that because of this works he is in need of nothing (Rev 3:17).

- c) Vindictiveness in an effort to justify oneself by the works he is doing to save himself. (Lk 18:11-12).
 - d) Scepticism as one's works begin to fail to save. (Rom 14:23).
 - e) Insecurity because one's works fail to save. (1Jn 4:18).
 - f) Depression because of continuous failure of one's works to save oneself.
12. The following are the moral sins of salvation or righteousness by works.
- a) Self-glorification or making oneself a god by one's works of saving oneself.
 - b) Making oneself (a creation) the saviour, since only God is the Saviour
 - c) Trust in man (oneself) above God since one is depending upon oneself by works to save oneself.
 - d) Lying about God and man, because by one's own works to save oneself, he is saying that God cannot save, but that sinful man can save.
 - e) Presumption because one's course of works salvation is not revelation from God but human speculation.
 - f) Separation from God, because works salvation separates man from the only source of salvation – God.
13. How do we know when salvation or righteousness by works is being performed?
- a) When one depends on their own ability to perform divine rituals or God's commandments. (Rom 9:31, 31; Rom 10:1-3).
 - b) When one depends upon rituals and commandments invented by men. (Matt 15:9).
 - c) When one has sin in the life or heart while doing the works that God requires. This is seeking to earn salvation by personal effort. (Isa 1:11-18).
 - d) When one has a doctrine that separates the person from God, so that their works are their own ability. (Heb 13:9; 1Tim 4:1).
 - e) When one has works but no faith from God. (Rom 14:23).
14. It is a curse to trust in man's ability. (Isa 2:22; Jer 17:5).
15. Without Christ we cannot do good works that are really approved of God. (Jn 15:4, 5).
16. When Faith motivates our choice to do good works, these works are truly good with no salvation or righteousness by works existing. (Rom 3:28, 31; Jam 2:17, 18).
17. When we have the Spirit of God and a changed heart so that we do the works of God, this is not salvation or righteousness by works. (Eze 36:25-27).

18. It is God who must initially cause our good works if we are not to have righteousness by works. (Phil 2:13; Isa 26:12).
19. Thus all religions that teach salvation or righteousness y works are NOT of God. (Gal 3:1-5, 10)
20. These religions are fallen from Grace so we must come out of them. (Gal 5:4; Rev 18:4)

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