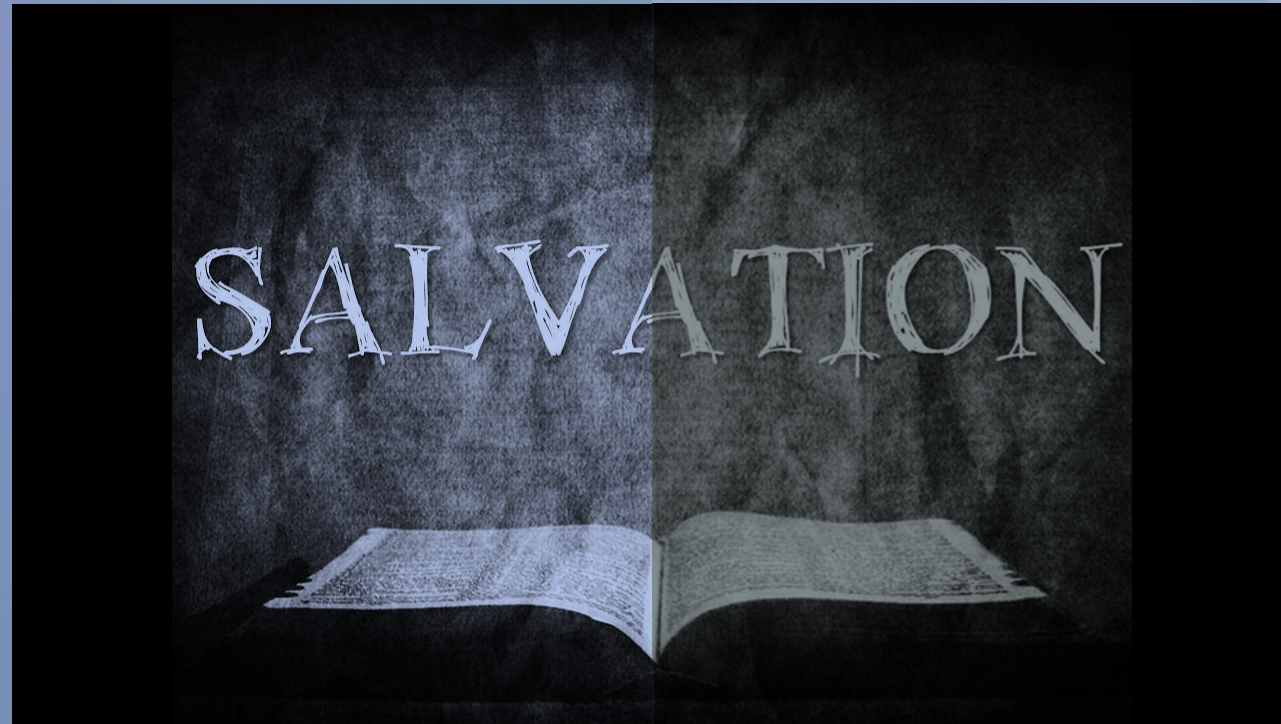


Questions of Salvation



Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
 - What is included?
 - What is excluded?

Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,
⁹ **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



If we are Saved by Grace...



- What is included?
 - Eternal Life
 - All Spiritual blessings
 - Spiritual gifts
- What is excluded?
 - Works
 - The Law

If we are Saved
through Faith...



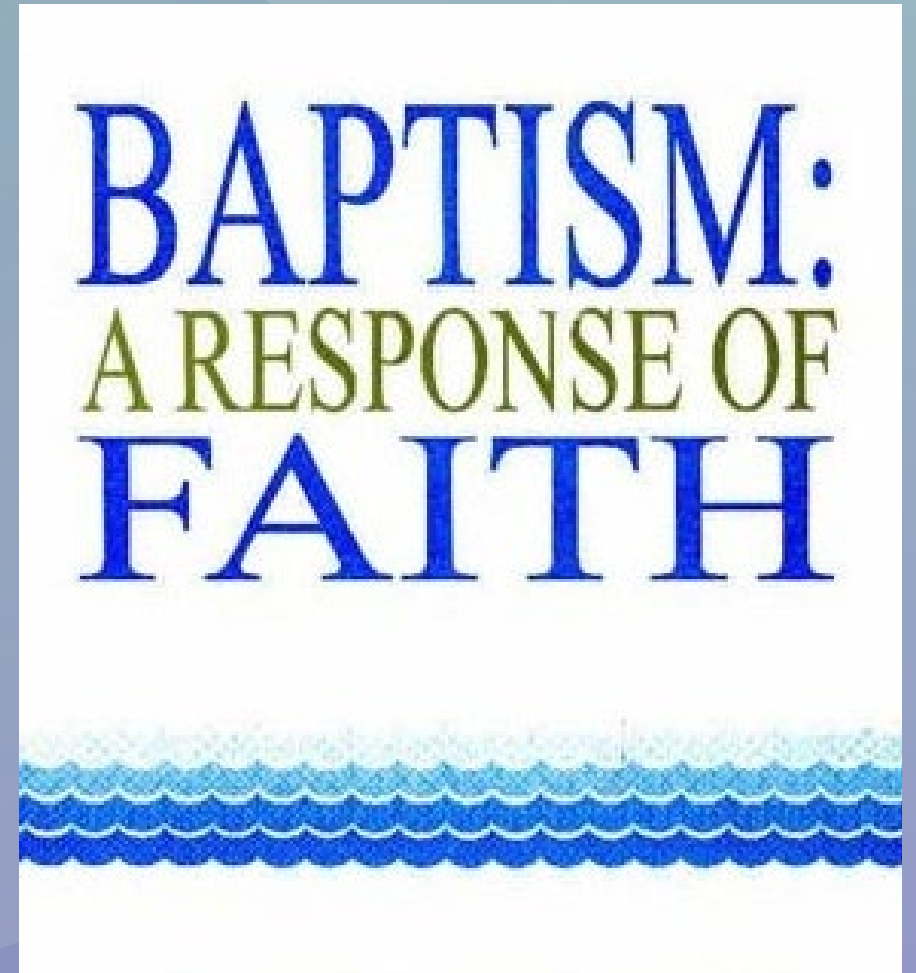
- What else is included?
 - Trust
 - Repentance
 - Confession
 - Baptism

Is Baptism Part of a Saving Faith?

▶ Gal. 3:25-27

But now that **faith** has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, **through faith**. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have **put on Christ**.

▶ How does Paul say we become sons of God through faith?



What is Being Expressed in Baptism?

► Romans 6:1-6; 11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



If we are Saved
through Faith...



- What is included?
 - Trust
 - Repentance
 - Confession
 - Baptism
- What is excluded?
 - Works?

Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

▶ Romans 3:27-28

²⁷ Then what becomes of our **boasting**? It is **excluded**. By what kind of law? By a **law of works**? No, but by the **law of faith**. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by **faith apart from works of the law**.

▶ Galatians 2:15-16

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by **works of the law** but through **faith** in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by **faith** in Christ and **not** by **works of the law**, because by **works of the law** no one will be justified.

Therefore we conclude that a man is..
Justified by
FAITH
without the deeds of the law
Romans 3:28



KNOW THAT A PERSON IS NOT
JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS
OF THE LAW, BUT BY FAITH IN

Jesus Christ

GALATIANS 2:16

Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

- ▶ What are works of the law?
- ▶ What law?
- ▶ Commands?
- ▶ Is there a law of Christ?

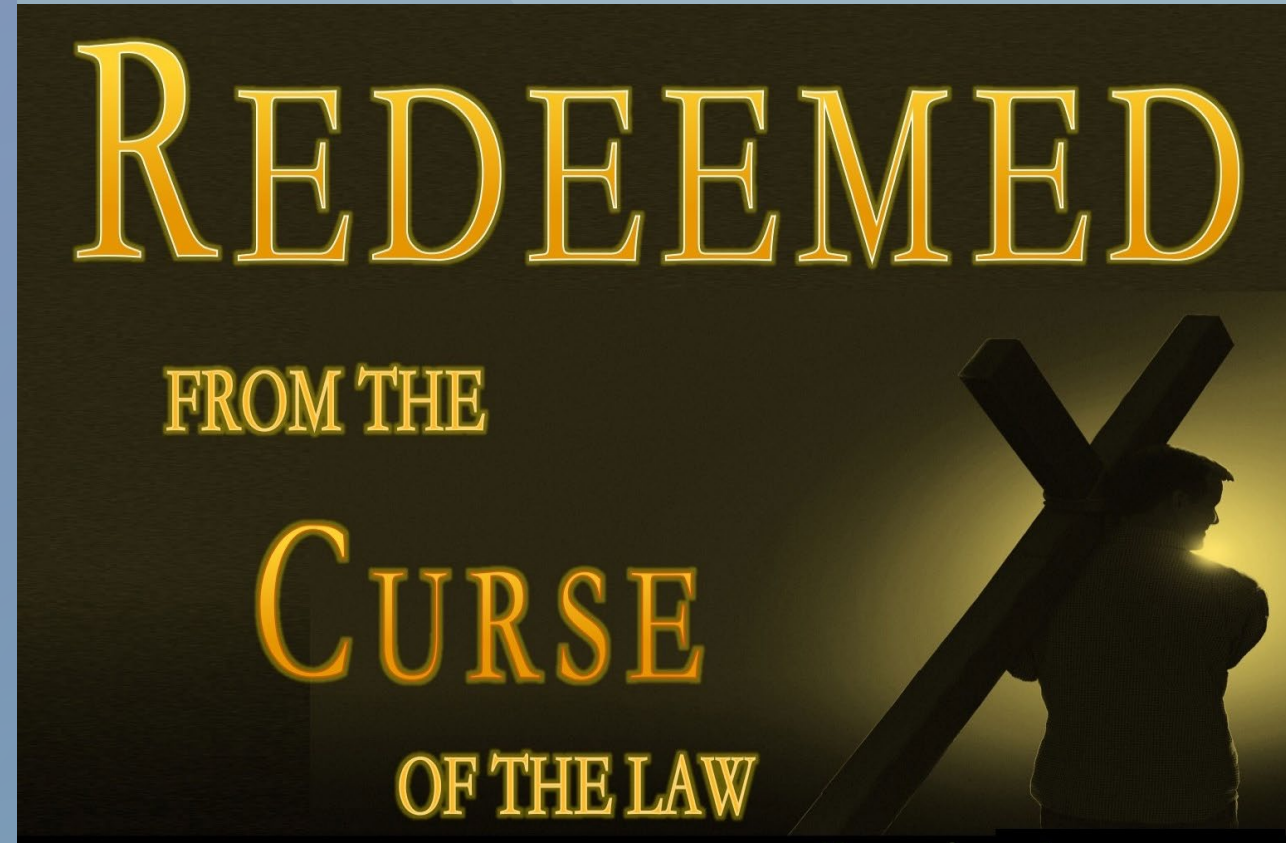
- ▶ We are trying to be saved by works of the law anytime time we try to keep a checklist of commands in order to be saved, no matter whose checklist it is.
- ▶ Is baptism a work of the law or is it an expression of faith?
- ▶ John Calvin thought it was a work and there concluded he had to separate it from salvation.



Why Can't We Be Saved By Works?

► Galatians 3:10-11

¹⁰ For all who rely on **works of the law** are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by **all** things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by **faith**."



Where do Works Come In?

- ▶ If we are not saved by completing and keeping a list of commandments, does that mean it doesn't matter what we do or don't do?
- ▶ If we have in faith pledged to die to ourselves and to sin and to make Jesus Lord of our life, following him, what will our lives look like?
- ▶ When we do good works to the glory of God, who gets the credit?



Who is working to produce good works in us?

► Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of **works**, so that no one may **boast**. ¹⁰ For we are **his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which **God prepared** beforehand, that we should **walk in them**.



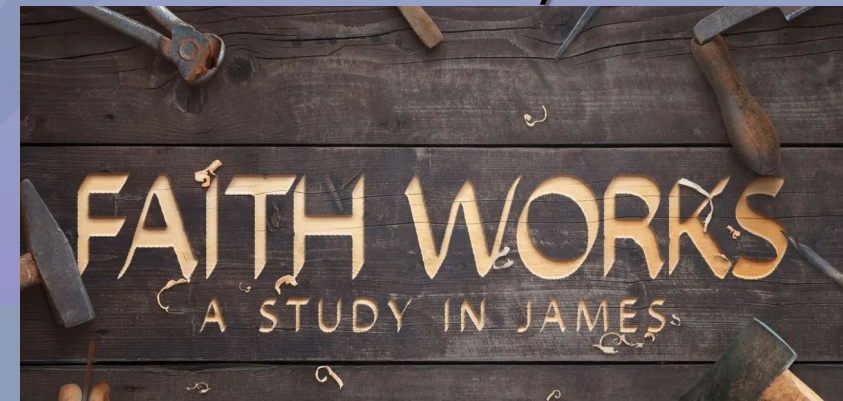
What about James?

▶ James 2:14-18

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has **faith** but does not have **works**? Can **that faith save** him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also **faith** by itself, if it does not have **works**, is **dead**. ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have **faith** and I have **works**.” Show me your **faith** apart from your **works**, and I will show you my **faith by my works**.

▶ What kind of works is James talking about?

▶ Is it a checklist of commands?



What about James?

▶ James 2:14-18

²¹ Was not Abraham our father **justified by works** when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that **faith was active** along with his **works**, and **faith was completed** by his **works**; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham **believed** God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is **justified by works and not by faith alone...**

²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also **faith apart from works is dead.**

▶ What is James’ point?

▶ A live (real) faith produces good works.



What about The Rich Young Man in Matt. 19?

¹⁶ And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what **good deed** must I do to have **eternal life**?” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is **good**? **There is only one who is good**. If you would enter life, **keep the commandments**.” ¹⁸ He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰ The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “**If you would be perfect**, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

What about The Rich Young Man in Matt. 19?

WHY DID JESUS TELL
the rich young ruler
HE COULD BE SAVED
BY OBEYING THE
COMMANDMENTS?

What about The Rich Man Ruler in Matt. 19?

²³ And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the **kingdom of heaven**.

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the **kingdom of God**.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were **greatly astonished**, saying, “**Who then can be saved?**” ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With **man** this is **impossible**, but with **God** all things are **possible**.”



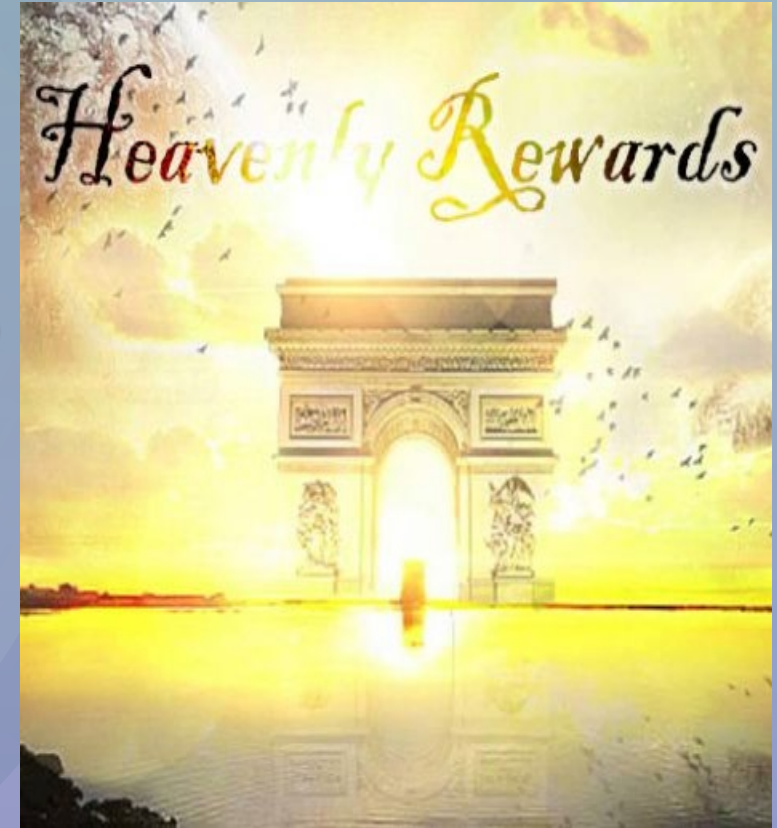
What about The Rich Man Ruler in Matt. 19?

- ▶ What is the point of what Jesus said to the rich young man?
 - ▶ You must be **perfect** to earn eternal life based on **good works**.
- ▶ What is the point of what Jesus said to the disciples?
 - ▶ It is **impossible** to earn **salvation**; eternal life has to come from God as a **free gift**. It can't be earned by **good works**.



What about The Rich Man Ruler in Matt. 19?

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have **left everything** and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will **receive a hundredfold** and will **inherit eternal life**. ³⁰ But many who are **first will be last**, and the **last first**.”





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