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ACROSS:

- 2. Place of torment
- 8. Lamb
- 9. Jesus' brother
- 11. David's father
- 14. Tribe of Israel
- 16. ___ commandments
- 18. Peter
- 19. Abraham's wife

- 21. Wilderness food
- 22. Jesus' betrayer

DOWN:

- 1. Leader of Israel
- 3. Satan
- 4. Born again
- 5. Whale's supper
- 6. First worship building

- 7. Used a fleece
- 10. Last O. T. book
- 12. First born son in Bible
- 13. 23rd O. T. book
- 15. Isaac's father
- 17. Prophet of Ahab's day
- 20. Became a serpent for Aaron

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What Makes A Church Great?

Selected

NOT soft seats and subdued light, **but** strong, courageous leadership.

NOT sweet tones of the organ, **but** sweet personalities reflecting Jesus.

NOT a big budget, **but** big hearts in big people who love and serve the Lord.



NOT the large membership, **but** God's presence, direction, and power.

NOT a tall steeple that reaches skyward, **but** people with a lofty vision for souls.



NOT what has been done, **but** what by faith will be done in the days ahead.

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Not of Works

By Bill Brinkworth

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

The Bible clearly states that there is only one way to



go to heaven. That way is by trusting in what Jesus did on the cross to pay for our sins. Good works cannot earn salvation from the punishment of sin.

Before I was saved, I was convicted of all the sins I had committed. Guilt from my sin was a mighty burden that was getting too difficult to carry. The religion I had been raised in taught me that forgiveness and salvation could be earned. I started wondering, "If the promise of heaven can be gained by good works, have I

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You Can Know Now

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Many years ago, the former rector of Mexico's National University and Mexico's Ambassador to Argentina, Brazil and other countries died. His last words were, "Finally I am going to know if I will go to heaven."

A man who waits until he leaves his death bed in order to know the facts of eternal life is in a terrible position. It is possible to know here and now if you have eternal life. Knowing for sure makes it possible to live a life without doubt, fear, and then come to death in confidence and triumph.

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:12-13

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37

Not of Works

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done enough? How many good deeds do I have to do? Is it 100? 200? 10,000?”

Since that time 28 years ago, my almost daily Bible reading has never shown me a number of good works one must perform to get to heaven. The reason a number is never stated is because good works have nothing to do with getting to heaven. God’s Word clearly states that the only way to heaven is through what Jesus did for sinners on the cross. He paid the price for our sin. There is nothing we can pay to have our sins pardoned.

Although many nod their head in agreement to the verses stating that Jesus paid the price for our salvation, most still try to add deeds to be assured of their salvation. Some of the works performed for salvation are:

- ★ Anointing of the sick
- ★ Baptism
- ★ Confirmation
- ★ Daily Worship
- ★ Donations
- ★ Eucharist
- ★ Fasting
- ★ Keeping the Ten Commandments and other laws
- ★ Marriage
- ★ Obedience to church or religious teachings
- ★ Penance
- ★ Pilgrimages

*Too Long I’ve laid
me down to sleep;
And prayed the
Lord my soul to
keep.*

*I should awake
before I die
And realize time
is passing by.*

*I should arise and
go and tell the
lost;*

*Despite my plans,
despite the cost!
Too Long I’ve laid
me down to sleep
While multitudes
about me weep.*

*I must awake
before I die
And realize my
time is passing by.”*
Dan Truax

- ★ Praying to the dead
- ★ Praying to gods or goddesses
- ★ Priestly vows
- ★ Sacrifices, ...

Although some of the deeds may be good things to do to please God after one is saved, they do not earn anyone a place in heaven. None of man’s good works are mentioned in the Bible as ways to heaven.

It is natural thinking to believe if good deeds outweigh the bad

deeds, that we will get to heaven. The Bible, God’s only word on the subject, clearly states that salvation is not of good works! Jesus is the only way – plus nothing!

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:” II Timothy 1:8-10

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17 (Good works are not included.)

**It’s NEVER
right to do
wrong to do
right! ➔**

**THE DEVIL IS WILLING FOR A
PERSON TO CONFESS
CHRISTIANITY AS LONG AS HE
DOES NOT PRACTICE IT.**

Why Worry When You Can Pray?

From The Landmark Anchor

There are three things that Jesus never did. He never worried; never hurried; and he never doubted the outcome. From the twelfth chapter of Luke we reach four conclusions about worry:

📖 **Worry is needless.**

“Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?” *Luke 12:24*

📖 **Worry is hopeless:**

“And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?” *Luke 12:25-26*

📖 **Worry is faithless:**

“If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?” *Luke 12:28*

📖 **Worry is useless:**

“And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.” *Luke 12:29-30*