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Sin is the
breaking
of the
Law



The Bible teaches that sin separates people from God, and unless one repents and turns to Christ, there is no salvation. What is sin? What is salvation? In this lesson we will review the nature of salvation and answer the most important question of all; what must I do to be saved?

What is the Biblical definition of sin?

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the *law*: for *sin* is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4).

How many have broken the law of God?

“For *all* have *sinned*, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 6:23).

“They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not *one*” (Romans 3:12).

What is the end result of sin?

“For the wages of sin is *death*; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Can we save ourselves from sin?

“Behold, I was shapen in *iniquity*; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Psalm 51:5).

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“The heart is deceitful above *all* things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (*Jeremiah 17:9*).

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no *good* thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not” (*Romans 7:18*).

How then are sinners saved from sin and its penalty?

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, *repentance* toward God, and *faith* toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (*Acts 20:21*).

“For the *grace* of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men” (*Titus 2:11*).

“Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened *us* together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved” (*Ephesians 2:5*).

“For by grace are ye saved through *faith*; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (*Ephesians 2:8*).

NOTE: *Repentance* is turning from sin to God and *Grace* is the unmerited, unearned favor of God.

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Since salvation is the gift of God, how do we receive it?

“For with the heart man *believeth* unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10).

“Receiving the end of your *faith*, even the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:9).

“For ye are all the children of God by *faith* in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26).

“Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of *promise*” (Galatians 4:28).

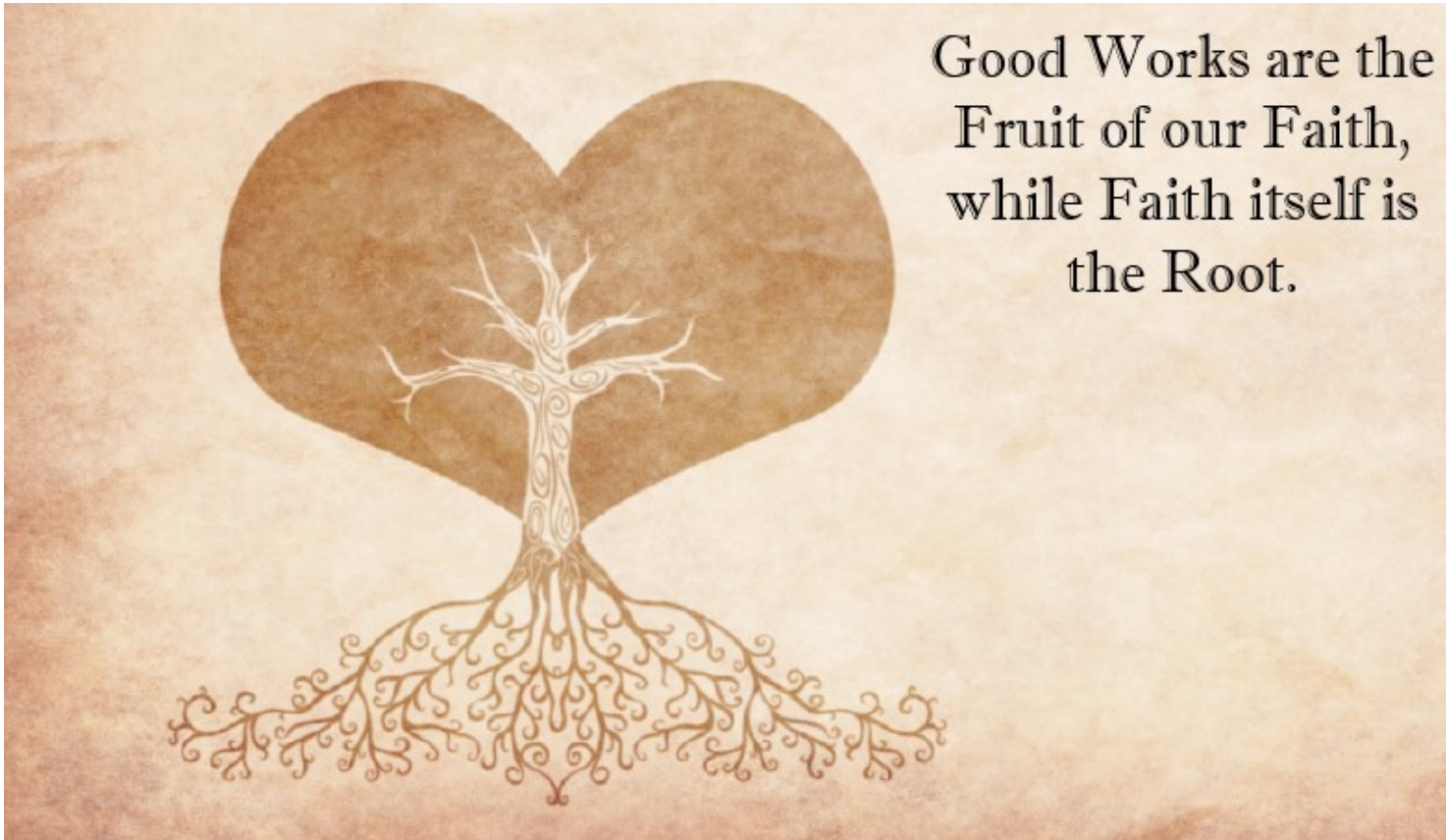
Do our good works contribute to our salvation?

“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by *faith*” (Galatians 3:11).

“So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are *unprofitable* servants: we have done that which was our duty to do” (Luke 17:10).

“Not by works of righteousness which we have *done* but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Titus 3:5).

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Good Works are the
Fruit of our Faith,
while Faith itself is
the Root.

If salvation is received by faith, what is the purpose of our good works?

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and *glorify* your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

“Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my *faith* by my works” (James 2:18).

Since salvation is received by grace through faith; who or what is the object of our faith?

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in *him* should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his *Son* into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this *man* is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 13:38).

How did Jesus obtain our salvation?

“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for *sins* for ever, sat down on the right hand of God” (Hebrews 10:12).

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“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto *him* that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood” (*Revelation 1:5*).

“For he hath made *him* to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (*2 Corinthians 5:21*).

Is there salvation found outside of Jesus Christ?

“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*).

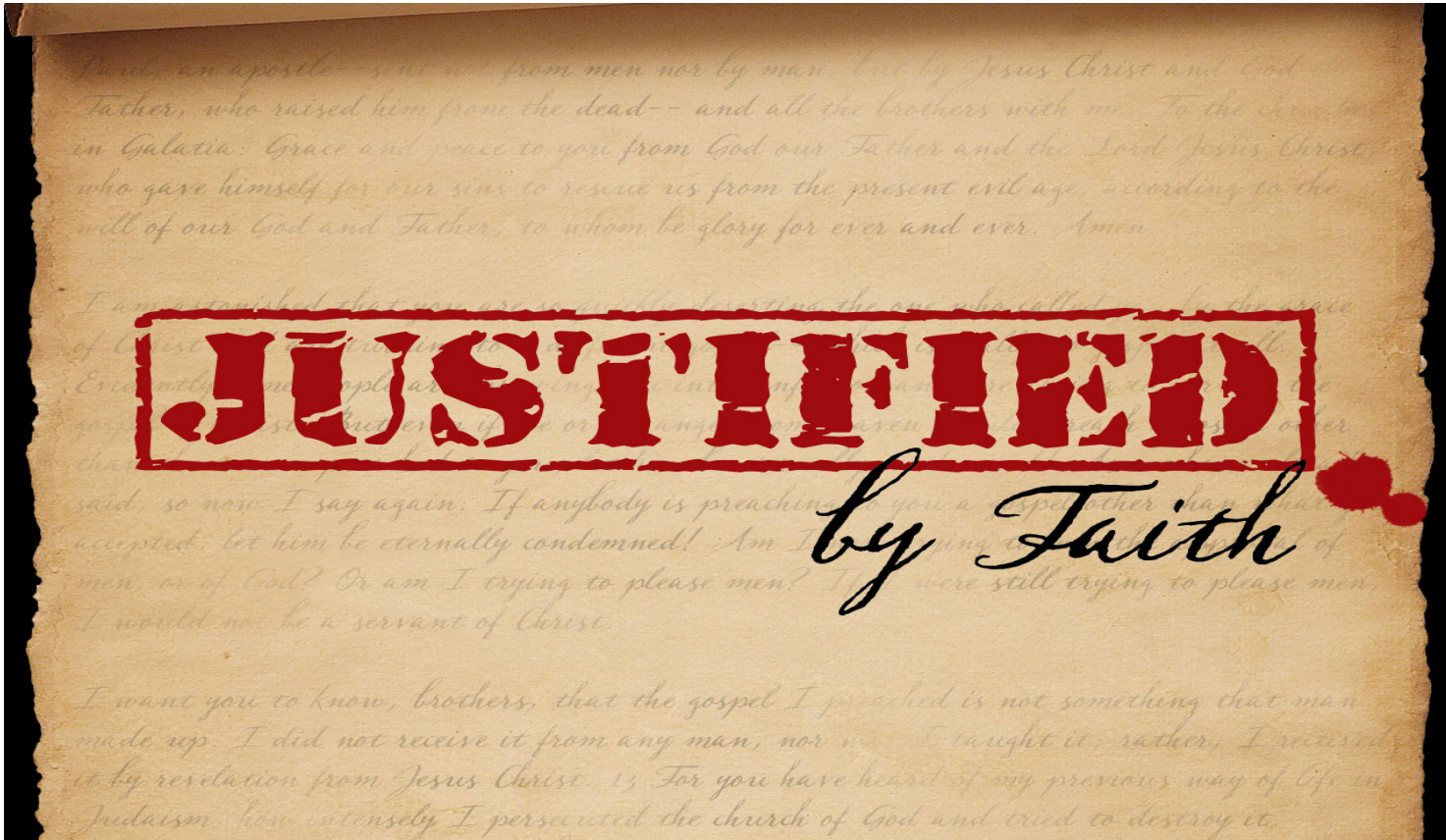
“Neither is there *salvation* in any other: for there is none other *name* under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (*Acts 4:12*).

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is *Jesus Christ*” (*1 Corinthians 3:11*).

What about obedience to God’s law, does this have any merit?

“For Christ is the end of the law for *righteousness* to every one that believeth” (*Romans 10:4*).

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“Knowing that a man is *not* justified by the works of the law, but by the *faith* of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be *justified* by the *faith of Christ*, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall *no* flesh be justified” (Galatians 2:16).

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the *flesh*, God sending his own *Son* in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3).

“That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the *Spirit*” (Romans 8:4).

NOTE: Justification (*being pardoned and declared righteous*) does not come by keeping the law or by our good works. Scripture makes it perfectly clear that justification is received by *faith* alone; that is, faith in what *Jesus* has done for us. Obedience to Christ is motivated by *love* through the Holy Spirit; so, our broken efforts will never justify ourselves.

Sanctification (*the process of being conformed to the character of Christ*) is the *Holy Spirit's* job through faith. Even with the Spirit's presence, we are not perfect. *Sanctification* is a life long experience and should never be confused with justification (*being declared righteous*) because of *Christ*.

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”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” (1 John 5:12).



“For it is *God* which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

Do Christians have salvation now, can they claim with full assurance to be saved?

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“Who hath also *sealed* us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts” (2 Corinthians 1:22).

“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord *Jesus Christ*” (1 Thessalonians 5:9).

“And I give them *eternal life*; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand” (John 10:28).

“And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, *Believe* on the Lord *Jesus Christ*, and thou shalt be *saved*, and thy house” (Acts 16:30-31).

“Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God *through* Christ” (Galatians 4:7).