



Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic, and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader, or church pastor. The questions should be answered or discussed after reading "Am I Good Enough To Get Into Heaven?" In addition, the questions are designed to enhance learning via the determination of personal opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content relates to our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

Questions

- ① The lesson states rewards or punishment based upon human standards of acceptable behavior (works) is deeply rooted within our mindsets, cultures and world religions. Do you agree or disagree?
- ① Identify at least 3 experiences in your life that were influenced by human defined behavioral standards.
 - What occurred?
 - Would each experience improve if you knew you met the standards regardless of your performance?
- ① The lesson listed undesirable consequences of works-based salvation. Have you experienced (or someone you know demonstrated) one or more of these consequences?
- ① Isaiah 64:6 declares our righteousness are like filthy rags to God. What does this mean and why would God declare this?
- ① The following scriptures are about our works after salvation. Which one speaks most to your heart?
 - "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - Jesus declared, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16
 - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10
 - "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24
- ① Based upon the attitude and desires of the heart, how would you define the difference between flesh-based works and God-based works?
- ① Why do you think God chose to base salvation upon His grace and our faith...and not by our works?
 - "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9
 - "When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:4
- ① Which generates greater love:
 - Fear of the consequences of failing to meet behavioral standards.
 - Forgiveness regardless of our shortcomings.