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Mistaken Beliefs Among Christians Regarding Christianity
As It Pertains to Receiving the Blessing of Abraham, i.e., Aionic/Eternal Life

Number	Description	Relevant Biblical Passages
1.	<p>Zealous support for and promotion of Jesus and/or the Christian religion and/or the Christianity of one's church and/or denomination is a <u>sufficient</u> condition for receiving eternal life</p> <p>As opposed to "keeping" (guarding) the moral commandments of God as a <u>manifestation</u> of the <u>necessary</u> condition of a changed heart which also acknowledges Jesus' death and intercession as part of the <u>basis</u> for salvation</p>	<p>Romans 2:11-29 Matthew 23:1-39</p>
2.	<p>Obedience to the Christianity of one's church and/or denomination is the <u>basis</u> for receiving eternal life, i.e., the sole reason <u>why</u> a person receives eternal life</p> <p>As opposed to God's sovereign choice to extend mercy <u>and</u> Jesus' fulfilling his role as prophet, priest, and king as the <u>basis</u></p>	<p>Acts 13:39 Romans 3:21-28 (esp. 24-26) Romans 9:10-12 Galatians 2:6; 3:17,18; 3:21</p>
3.	<p>Obedience to the Christianity of one's church and/or denomination is the <u>necessary</u> condition for receiving eternal life</p> <p>As opposed to a changed and sanctified heart by God that is open to God's truth, especially Jesus as the Messiah, as the only <u>necessary</u> condition</p>	<p>Acts 15:1,5 Romans 3:28 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Galatians 2:3,15-21; 3:11,17-18,21,23-27 Philippians 3:9</p>
4.	<p>Obedience to the Christianity of one's church and/or denomination is a <u>universal obligation</u></p> <p>As opposed to <u>biblical</u> Christianity's being a <u>universal obligation</u> apart from one's church and/or denomination</p>	<p>Acts 15:1,5 Galatians 2:11-13</p>
5.	<p>Obedience to the Christianity of one's church and/or denomination makes a person <u>deserving</u> of God's temporal blessings and eternal life, which is necessary to receive them</p> <p>As opposed to there being <u>nothing</u> a person can do to deserve any blessing of God because of his inherent moral depravity</p>	<p>Luke 18:9-14 Romans 7:1-12 (esp. 9)</p>
6.	<p>Obedience to the specific doctrines and practices of one's church and/or denomination is the <u>basis</u> for receiving eternal life, i.e., the sole reason why a person receives eternal life</p> <p>As opposed to both God's sovereign choice to extend mercy <u>and</u> Jesus' <u>sacrificial offering</u> and resultant intercession as <u>the basis</u> for receiving eternal life</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:1-10:22</p>
7.	<p>Obedience to Christianity for obtaining eternal life is possible because people are not as <u>profoundly and incurably evil</u> as the Bible actually states they are</p> <p>As opposed to the necessity of <u>only God's sovereignly changing people's hearts</u> so that they then "keep" (guard) His moral commandments properly <u>and</u> engage in authentic belief in Jesus</p>	<p>Matthew 23:25-33 Romans 3:20; 4:13-15; 5:20; 7:7-25a Galatians 3:10,19,22 1 Timothy 1:8-11</p>