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What is a Work of Merit?

- A. Gives room for boasting (Eph. 2:9)
- B. Trusts self-righteousness (Titus 3:5; Phil. 3:7-9)
- C. Makes grace unnecessary (Rom. 11:6)
- D. Seeks to earn salvation (Rom. 4:4)
- E. Cannot earn salvation (Eph. 2:8-9; etc.)

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Is Water Baptism a Work of Merit?

- A. Jesus didn't think so (Mark 16:16)
- B. Baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- C. Sins washed away in baptism (Eph. 1:7; Acts 22:16)
- D. God is the one working in baptism (Col. 2:12)
- E. Baptism is where old man of sin is buried in death (Rom. 6:1-4)
- F. Water baptism necessary to enter the kingdom (John 3:3-5)
- G. Water baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:21)
- H. Baptism is a necessary act of obedience (Rom. 6:1-18)

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What is Not a Work of Merit?

- A. Development of faith (John 6:29; Rom. 10:17)
- B. Believing Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
- C. Repentance (Luke 13:3-5)
- D. Verbally expressing faith in Christ (Rom. 10:10)
- E. Baptism is a work of God, not man (Col. 2:12)
- F. Faith working in love (Gal. 5:6)
- G. Obeying the truth (Gal. 5:7)

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Is Obedience Necessary for Salvation?

- A. Condition ≠ work of merit (John 3:16, etc.)
- B. Christ saves those who obey Him (Heb. 5:9)
- C. Don't call Him Lord without obeying (Luke 6:46)
- D. Love will cause you to keep His commandments (John 14:15)
- E. Jesus said we must do the Father's will (Matt. 7:21)
- F. We must obey all that Jesus & the apostles taught (Matt. 28:20)

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Will Faith Without Obedience Save?

- A. Faith + works justifies (James 2:14-26)
- B. Salvation must be worked out to its completion (Phil. 2:12)
- C. Souls are purified through obedience (1 Pet. 1:22)
- D. Disobedient will be punished (1 Thess. 1:8-9)
- E. Judgment = based on what we do (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:6-10)
- F. Obedience demonstrates love for Jesus (John 14:15, 21)
- G. Disobedience = not a friend of Jesus (John 15:14)
- H. Obedience = eternal life (John 8:51)
- I. Obedience is our entire duty in life (Ecc. 12:13)

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Conclusion

- A. Grace, faith, and obedience are not at odds (Heb. 11)
- B. True faith obeys Christ (John 3:16, 36, ESV)
- C. We don't know Christ if we don't obey Him (1 John 2:3-6)
- D. Jesus saves, but He requires obedience to be saved (Heb. 5:9)