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3. Because of how GOD views our works.....like filthy rags! (Isaiah 64:6)
4. Because SALVATION is a gift for sinners.....not a reward for good works! (Eph. 2:8-9)
5. Because SALVATION could never be guaranteed if it was by our works..... for how would you ever know when you had done enough! (Eph.2:8)
6. Because only by salvation by GOD’S GRACE would He be glorified.....”not of works lest any man should boast!” (Eph. 2:8-9)

A Living Example

Luke 23:39-44

“not of works”

1. Did the thief deserve to be saved?
2. Did the thief promise to stop being bad?
3. Did the thief promise to start being good?
4. Did the thief have to confess all his sins?
5. Did the thief join a church or get baptized?

“saved by grace”

1. The thief only believed.
2. The thief knew for sure that he would go to Paradise.
3. The thief knew for sure there was nothing else he had to do, or could do.
4. The thief knew for sure that his destination could not be cancelled, altered, or changed in any way by himself or Christ; for Christ had given his word.

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