

FAKE NEWS – Exposing the Lies of the Devil

THE WORLD'S MOST BELIEVED LIE

Acts 16:25-34

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The world's most believed lie: people are saved by works.

1. Salvation by works seems right to the human heart.

There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Proverbs 14:12, 16:25

* Bad people should be punished, and good people rewarded.

... as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE." Romans 3:10

2. Salvation by works appeals to our pride and sinful nature.

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **not as a result of works, that no one should boast.** Ephesians 2:8-9*

A. Salvation by works is something that will inflate our ego.

B. Salvation by grace is something that will humble our soul.

3. Salvation by works seems to be taught in parts of the Bible.

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. James 2:17

A. True saving faith is never without authenticating works.

B. Faith is the root of salvation, and works are the fruit.

*For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10*

4. Salvation is by His work through the cross and empty tomb.

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before

*them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.
Acts 16:31-34*

Have you believed on Jesus alone for true salvation?