

Today, if you stop trying to do good works to obtain God's forgiveness, rather forsake all your sins and come to God through the cross and asked that God would forgive you, then this faith will save you and make you a child of God.

Does that mean that we can sin all that we want and end up in heaven anyways?

Not at all. It is actually quite the opposite. When you repent and turn to God, then the risen Christ will come to your heart and take away every desire to live the life of sin. The scripture says "if any one in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation" 2 Cor. 5:17. Good works aren't

requirement of salvation. Good works are the fruit of the saving faith. The moment you repent and turn to Christ, God will spare you his wrath and Jesus will transform your heart.

The death and the resurrection of Christ is all what God need to give you eternal life. You can receive that today by faith alone. But that faith means to repent of every sin, commit to live for Jesus and trust Christ alone (not your good deeds) for your eternal life. The result of making this commitment is that risen Christ will come into your heart and today everything will become brand new.

Would you pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, Thank you that your blood is enough. I am sorry for all my sins. Come into my heart, forgive me and change me. By your grace, from today forward I will live for you and you alone.

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A Bible Quiz

How can a man enter into heaven?

- A) by faith alone
- B) by faith and works
- C) by works alone

provided an escape for us from the penalty of our sins through the death and the resurrection of his Son Jesus.

When Jesus died on the cross, he was our substitute (Isa. 53:6). He paid the price of our sins. He took the wrath of God over our sins upon himself (Rom. 3:25) thus he satisfied the justice of God and his righteousness (Rom. 6:26). Jesus also rose again from the dead on the 3rd day and because he is alive, He TODAY can breath his life in you and make you alive (Eph. 2:5).

You can BY FAITH today receive God's salvation that was provided to you through the death and resurrection of Christ.

BUT WHAT IS THAT SAVING FAITH?

When the bible tells us that salvation is by faith alone, the bible isn't talking about just the mere intellectual knowledge of the christian doctrine. Rather, the bible is talking about a complete repentance from every sin and unconditional surrender of every aspect of our lives to Christ. We see an example of that in Luke 7 where a sinful woman came to Jesus broken because of her sins. She wet Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Jesus told her "Your faith has saved you" v50. So what was that faith? the faith was that she knew that she is a sinner, She knew that there is nothing she can do to change herself, she knew that Jesus is the only one who can forgive and change her, so she came broken to Jesus and asked for forgiveness.

Most people would choose B that the bible tells us that salvation is by faith and works.

The thought behind choosing B is this: I have faith. I believe in God. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God. I believe that the bible and its teaching are true. Now that I finished with the faith part, I need to go to church, help the poor and overall i need to try to be a good person. The combination of my faith and my sincere attempts to be good is the way for me to enter into heaven.

The Bible, however, tells us that salvation is by faith alone (A). Look at these scriptures:

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified (acquitted from our sin) **by faith**, we have peace with God...

John 3:16...that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved **through faith**...not of works, lest anyone should boast.

These scriptures and many others tells us that salvation is by faith alone. Let me explain to you how:

The bible tells us that we all have sinned against God (Rom. 3:23). Now sin is to break the law of God (1

John 3:4). When we break the law of the land, we become under the penalty of the law. In the same

manner, when we break the law of God, we are under the judgment of God (Rom. 3:19). The wages of our

sin is death (Rom. 6:23) that is to be separated from God (the source of life) for all eternity in hell.

But God is Love (1 John 4:16), and He is not willing that

anyone would go to hell (2 Peter 3:9) that is why he has