

8. **#3. WORKS – Of Physical Merit** This means the works, however commendable, that men do outside of Christ. (Titus 3:5) “*Not by works of righteousness _____, but according to _____ he _____ us.*” Isaiah said (64:6) “*all _____ righteousnesses are as _____ rags.*” Christians must (Col 3:17) “*do _____ in the _____ of the Lord Jesus.*” One lacks authority to do anything in God’s name if he is not a Christian.
9. **Righteousness Is Found ONLY In Christ** (2 Cor 5:21) “*For he _____ him to be sin _____, who _____.*” God sent a sinless Jesus to be the offering for our sins. Why? “*That we might be made the _____ of God _____.*” One that is not “in Christ” cannot be righteous; therefore such works have only physical (not spiritual) merit.
10. **Christ – Our Passover** (1 Cor 5:7) “*For even _____ our _____ is sacrificed for us.*” Jesus is (Jn 1:29) “*the _____ of God, which _____ the _____ of the world.*” Christians are redeemed (1 Pet 1:19) “*with the precious _____ of Christ, as of a _____ without _____ and without _____.*” Only those “in Christ” have contacted the blood.
11. **#4. WORKS – Approved By God** (Jas 2:14ff) The Holy Spirit instructs that faith alone cannot save. Why? (V26) “*Faith _____ is _____.*” Man operating on his faith in God’s directives performs these works. The course of action is simple: (a) hear God, (b) accept his Word by faith, and (c) obey his Will to the best of one’s ability.
12. **The Physical vs The Spiritual** Jesus said: (Jn 6:27) “*Labour _____ for the meat _____, but for that meat which _____ unto everlasting _____.*” This is akin to Paul’s statement (1 Tim 4:8). What is more important, your body, or your immortal spirit? _____ Jesus asked: (Mk 8:37) “*What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*”
13. **Why The Works Of God Are Overlooked** Don’t people often rely on instant reasoning (ie: excuses) because their minds are conditioned to accept “the easiest conclusions?” _____ The multitude followed Jesus (V26) “*not because ye _____ the _____, but because ye did _____ of the _____, and were _____.*” We often hear: “But he is such a good man” or “he does so many good works.” After his admonition (V27), Jesus was asked (Jn 6:28), “*What shall we do, that we might _____ the _____ of _____?*” This question clearly shows that they now understood the difference between “works of physical merit” and the “works of a spiritual nature.”
14. **Jesus Answered The Question: Faith Is A Work Of God** The answer was simple: (V29) “*This _____ the work of God, that ye _____ on him whom _____.*” It begins and ends with faith! Faith is a w-o-r-k! If one is saved without any kind of works, then he is saved without faith because faith is a work. It is silly to argue over semantics. Let’s just believe the Bible!
15. **Repentance Is A Work Of God** (Lk 11:30) “*Jonas was a _____ unto the _____.*” Why? In ancient time the men of Nineveh (Mt 12:41) “*_____ at the _____ of Jonas.*” Repentance (from sins) is a work that man must perform prior to receiving salvation. (Jonah 3:10). “*God saw their _____, that they _____ from their _____ way.*” A man can be saved without repentance if one can be saved without works. Jesus said: (Lk 13:3, 5) “*Except ye _____, ye shall all likewise _____.*” This is the fallacy of “salvation by faith alone.” _____
16. **Baptism Is NOT A Work** Why? (a) Baptism is a burial (Rom 6:3-4). (b) The one being baptized is the one being buried. (c) A dead person can’t work. (d) The baptized person is (V5) “*_____ together in the _____ of his _____*” and (V6) “*_____ is _____.*” (e) The baptized one passively submits (by faith – a work) and is buried (in water) that “the old man” (ie: his former sinful self) may be “crucified” (ie: sins washed away).
17. **What Are The Works Of God In The Conversion Process?** #1. Hearing (Rom 10:17). Faith is impossible without hearing. #2. Believing (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6) #3. Repenting God wants everyone to repent (2 Pet 3:9). #4. Confessing Christ. It takes conviction and courage to acknowledge Jesus as Son of God! We have a plain example in (Acts 8:37).