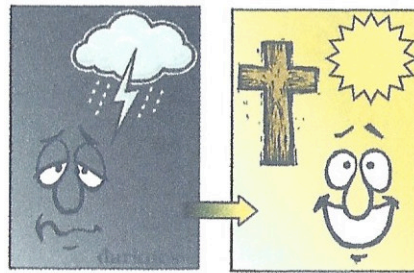


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## **What is Salvation?**

### **I. Absolute Need to be Saved**

- ~ Salvation is not presented as an option, but as a requirement. Anything less displeases God and is SIN.

### **Heb. 11:5, 6**

1. Enoch 'PLEASED GOD'. This is the duty of man and a purpose for which we were created.
2. It takes faith to please God. Nothing less will satisfy Him.
3. There are two requirements for coming to God in faith:
  - a) belief in His existence and character
  - b) belief in His actions of rewarding those who seek Him
4. Belief must be genuine.
5. Seeking must be diligent, sincere, and continuous.
6. The issue is pleasing God, not pleasing man.

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### **Acts 4:12**

1. "We must be SAVED."
2. This is not a suggestion, but a necessity.

### **John 3:7**

1. "Ye must be BORN AGAIN."
2. Another term to describe salvation, yet still a requirement.
3. Absolutely needed to see the Kingdom of God (**John 3:3**).
4. Must have it to enter the Kingdom of God (**John 3:5**).

### **Gal. 6:15**

1. Only becoming "a NEW CREATURE" avails anything.
2. All of religion, religious acts, and religious ties are of no value apart from this change.

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#### **Eph. 2:1**

1. We need to be "QUICKENED" or made alive.
2. Without this we are still dead in our sins – lost and in need of salvation.
3. Have you been saved, born again, quickened, made a new creature? Do you please God?

#### **I Cor. 2:14**

1. We need to be spiritual, – changed to something beyond a "**natural man**".
2. We need God's change so that we can receive the things of the "**Spirit of God**" through discernment.
3. This is a result of salvation, not education, intellect, or culture.

#### **Jer. 13:23**

1. Only a supernatural change can produce a sufficient change of behavior.

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2. Self change is never adequate.

#### **Jer. 17:9, 10**

1. Our hearts are corrupt by nature.
2. Only God fully knows our heart.
3. HE will reward us according to HIS analysis of our heart.

#### **Luke 13:3, 5**

1. Perishing is the alternative to repenting.
2. Jesus held to the necessity of repentance.

#### **Luke 24:47, 48**

1. All nations are to hear the message preached by us.
2. This message is two-fold:
  - a) Repentance of sins
  - b) Remission of sins
3. There is a need for the sinner to have his sins removed from him.



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### **Matt. 3:1, 2**

1. John the Baptist preached repentance.
2. The availability of the Kingdom of Heaven requires repentance.
3. Jesus preached the identical message in **Matt. 4:17**.

### **Mark 6:12**

1. Jesus sent the 12 out to preach repentance.
2. This message was an obligation, not an option.

### **Acts 26:20**

1. Paul preached the necessity of repentance.
2. This message was given to both Jews and Gentiles.
3. Turning to God follows repentance (turning from sin).
4. There are specific works that evidence true repentance (**II Cor. 7:11**).

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### **John 3:16-18**

1. To not believe is to be condemned already.
2. Jesus came to save us from our condemned condition.

### **John 3:36**

1. Belief brings life, while unbelief brings wrath.
2. The sinner who doesn't act is condemned and under wrath for his inaction – unbelief.
3. The lost finds himself resisting the holy demands of Jesus to be saved, and ends up not believing Jesus – doubting Him, denying Him, etc.

## **II. Things We Are Saved From**

### **Matt. 16:24**

1. We are saved from self, (ego) and its control of our lives.

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2. Denial of self is similar to repentance.
3. We are delivered from self-centeredness, self-love, self-image, self-control, . . . SELF.

#### **Matt. 18:11**

1. We are saved from being LOST.
2. We were lost from God's usefulness, with a lost life, facing a lost eternity.
3. We were without right understanding of our location and condition, without proper direction, not knowing where we came from nor where we were going.

#### **Mark 8:35**

1. We are saved from a wasted life.
2. Most spend their lives trying to hold onto life, only to lose it in the end.
3. We can surrender our life for Jesus and the Gospel, and then enjoy it for these purposes.

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#### **Luke 4:18**

1. We are saved from Satan and his demons.
2. **Isa. 14:17** – “...*opened not the house of his prisoners*”
3. **John 8:44** – Satan is father of all the lost.
4. **Eph. 2:2, 3** – Spirits control the lost.
5. **I John 3:8** – Works of the devil are destroyed.

#### **Luke 7:48-50**

1. We are saved from sin
2. **Matt. 1:21** – gives the reason He was named “**Jesus**”.
3. **I John 3:9** – We no longer live in sin.
4. **Rom. 6:17, 18, 22** – We are freed from sin.

#### **John 3:15-18**

1. We are saved from condemnation.
2. The lost are already condemned.

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#### **Acts 2:40**

1. We are saved from this wicked generation.
2. "**Untoward**" means without direction, not toward a real or proper goal; perverse; stubborn; without reason.
3. They are untoward (not headed toward) holiness, virtue, heaven, worship of God, obedience to the Scriptures, enjoying God's promises and blessings.

#### **Rom. 5:8, 9**

1. We are saved from God's wrath.
2. This is accomplished by Jesus' blood.

#### **II Thess. 2:9-12**

1. We are saved from error.
2. They rejected the love of the truth.
3. Salvation brings us to the truth (**I Tim. 2:4**).

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### **Heb. 2:15**

1. We are saved from the fear of death.
2. The lost have much to fear.
3. We have no need to fear going to Jesus.

### **Heb. 4:9-11**

1. We are saved from our own efforts.
2. They are traps, burdens, blocks from coming to God.
3. By faith we can enter into true rest.

### **III. Salvation is Eternal**

~ The believer is secure; preservation is shown by perseverance.

### **John 3:15, 16, 36**

1. Our salvation involves receiving Life from God.

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2. This Life is eternal, having neither beginning nor end.
3. This Life is everlasting, never ending.
4. This Life by definition is God's Life and permanent.

#### **John 4:14**

1. Christ's water leaves a permanent change, - **"never thirst"**.
2. The **"never"** thirsting again is emphasized by the **"everlasting"** benefit of life.

#### **John 5:24**

1. The **"everlasting life"** is not a future to be gained, but the present to be experienced - **"hath"**.
2. A result of **"everlasting life"** is that we will never come into condemnation.
3. Another result is that we have **"passed"** (by resurrection power) **"from death unto life"**.

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#### **John 6:27**

1. ***“Everlasting Life”*** should be our goal and gift received.
2. We are to avoid what doesn't last – ***“meat that perisheth.”***

#### **John 6:39, 40, 47, 54**

1. ***“Everlasting Life”*** involves being given by the Father to Jesus.
2. The Father has willed that Jesus ***lose none*** of those with everlasting life.
3. Jesus has promised to lose none and ***“will raise”*** us up at the last day.

#### **John 6:68, 69**

1. Peter understood about ***“eternal life”***.
2. Peter knew that Jesus was the source of life without beginning or ending.



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#### **John 10:27, 28**

1. Jesus taught that His sheep had eternal life and would never perish.
2. He made it clear that no act of any man could remove one soul out of His grip or His Father's.

#### **John 11:25, 26**

1. When we believe we receive life and "shall never die" (spiritually).
2. Jesus wants us to believe this.

#### **John 17:1-3**

1. This "eternal life" is not only a truth and a doctrine, it is a reality that involves KNOWING the Father and the Son.
2. Only those given to Jesus receive this life and knowledge of God in a personal sense.

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### **John 20:31**

1. The purpose of the Gospel of John was to lead people to LIFE.
2. Other books tell more on this lasting relationship as well as about other issues.

## **IV. By Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone**

### **Heb. 11:6**

1. God will not be pleased without our exercising faith.
2. We must believe in His existence, person, nature, and actions.
3. True faith will seek God diligently until rewarded.

### **Titus 2:11**

1. God's salvation is brought to mankind by God's grace.
2. No grace, no salvation.

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#### **Eph. 2:4-10**

1. Grace is the means by which we are saved, not works.
2. Faith is our response, and is evidenced by God's changing us to walk in good works.

#### **John 1:12, 13**

1. Because of God's grace, through faith we can receive Jesus as He is, – not as we imagine Him to be.
2. This birth is not due to our family, our will or anyone else's will. It is of God.

#### **Rom. 1:16**

1. By faith we lay hold of the Gospel of Christ.
2. The Gospel is the power of God, – not our works or worth.

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#### **Rom. 10:9-17**

1. True faith is a heart issue and evidences itself with righteous living.
2. True faith never leaves us ashamed.
3. True faith results in a real salvation.
4. True faith comes by hearing God speak to us by the Word of God.

#### **Gal. 3:22-29**

1. True faith is not ours, – we are not born with it.
2. True faith is actually the “*faith of Jesus Christ*” (vs. 22).
3. True faith comes to us (vss. 23, 25).
4. True faith is revealed after the law has been applied (vs. 23).
5. True faith is the basis of our being justified and our becoming the children of God (vss. 24, 26).

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#### **Heb. 4:9-11**

1. True faith involves ceasing from our own works.
2. True faith is to be sought with all energy possible.

#### **I John 5:4**

1. True faith gives us victory in overcoming the world.
2. This product of faith is evidence of being born of God.

#### **I John 5:11-13**

1. True faith leads to a know-so salvation.
2. True faith is a result of God's written Word.

#### **James 2:14-26**

1. True faith produce works.
2. No works and faith is dead.

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#### **Rom. 12:3**

1. Grace is a gift to us.
2. This grace is a means by which we are to speak.

#### **Heb. 12:2**

1. Jesus is the source and designer (author) of our faith.
2. Jesus also produces, provides, and completes (finishes) our faith.

#### **V. A Full (Complete) Salvation**

##### **I Thess. 5:23**

1. God looks at the “**whole**” of the three-part man – “**spirit, soul, and body**”.
2. “**Preserved blameless**” implies a full salvation that brought them to a blameless condition. Now the issue is to stay blameless.

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### **I Thess. 5:5**

1. Salvation brings a complete change; night to day and darkness to light.
2. There is no grey area of mixture.

### **I Thess. 4:7**

1. Salvation brings a clear call from God to holiness.
2. We have been delivered from uncleanness.

### **II Cor. 5:17**

1. Being saved puts us in Christ.
2. We become new creatures, old things are passed away, all things become new.

### **II Cor. 7:10, 11**

1. Salvation must be preceded by a God-produced sorrow and working repentance.
2. There are seven clear signs or fruits of repentance:

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**CAREFULNESS** – careful to never again fall into this sin, – careful to avoid what leads to this sin.

**CLEARING** – confession, restitution, clearing of damage.

**INDIGNATION** – greatly stirred over ever falling into this sin(s) and indignant against sin.

**FEAR** – a fear of God and a fear of falling back into the sin. We know the weakness of our flesh.

**VEHEMENT DESIRE** – a great desire to do right and a loving and great desire towards Jesus.

**ZEAL** – zealous for the Kingdom, souls of men, righteousness, etc.

**REVENGE** – against the sins we have committed with a desire to rescue others from it and attack the sin itself.



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3. Real salvation will bring great changes on the sin issue.

#### **II Cor. 5:20**

1. We have become Christ's ambassadors to a lost and rebellious world.
2. The need is for God's enemies to be reconciled by Jesus.

#### **Rev. 1:5, 6**

1. Our sins are washed from us in Jesus' blood.
2. We are made kings and priests unto God – both horizontal and vertical ministries.

#### **Acts 26:18**

1. Our eyes are opened spiritually.
2. We are turned from darkness to light.
3. We are turned from the power of Satan unto God.

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4. We have received forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among other saved.

#### **Matt. 16:24**

1. We have denied self for Jesus' sake.
2. We have taken up our cross to follow Jesus.

#### **John 14:16, 17**

1. The Holy Ghost (**vs. 26**) is given to us as a Comforter.
2. The world cannot receive Him but He is with us "**forever**".
3. He also ministers to us as the "**Spirit of Truth**".
4. We are indwelt by deity, – the entire trinity.
  - a) **vs. 17** – The Holy Ghost in us.
  - b) **vs. 20** – Jesus in us.
  - c) **vs. 23** – The Father in us.

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### **Rom. 8:9**

1. Not only is the Holy Spirit in us, but we are in Him.
2. Those without the Spirit of Christ are still lost.

### **Rom. 8:14**

1. We are given divine leadership by the Spirit of God.
2. There is a difference between His leading and our following.

### **Rom. 8:16**

1. There is a divine witness within by the Holy Spirit.
2. This witness is to our spirit.

### **Rom. 8:35-39**

1. We humbly live as sheep accounted for the slaughter.

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2. We are more than conquerors through Jesus.
3. Nothing shall separate us from God's love as found in Jesus our Lord.

#### **Titus 2:11-14**

1. God's grace teaches us.
2. We are taught to:
  - a) deny ungodliness
  - b) deny worldly lusts
  - c) live soberly
  - d) live righteously
  - e) live godly
  - f) look for Jesus' return.
3. We are redeemed from all iniquity.
4. Jesus purifies us for Himself
  - a) to be a peculiar people
  - b) to be zealous of good works.

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#### **Rom. 6:23**

1. We are delivered from eternal death.
2. We are given eternal life.

#### **Eph. 2:1**

1. We are quickened or made alive (**vs. 5**) in salvation through Jesus.
2. We "were" (in the past now) in trespasses and sins, but are now delivered.

#### **John 3:16**

1. We now enjoy everlasting life.
2. We have entered into a life of believing and will have no fear of perishing.

#### **I Pet. 1:3-5**

1. We have a lively hope.
2. We have an inheritance:
  - a) incorruptible
  - b) undefiled

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- c) that never fades away and
- d) is reserved in Heaven.
- 3. We are kept by the power of God.

#### **I John 1:3**

- 1. We can now fellowship with other Christians.
- 2. We have fellowship with both God the Father and with Jesus Christ.

#### **I John 1:7, 9**

- 1. We have both cleansing and forgiveness of our sins.
- 2. This acts in "all" our sins.

#### **I John 2:3**

- 1. We can know for sure that we KNOW God.
- 2. This is evidenced by keeping God's commandments.

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### **I John 3:14**

1. We by spiritual nature love the brethren.
2. A lack of love is evidence of being lost.

### **I John 5:4**

1. We do overcome the world.
2. This victory is through our faith.

### **Heb. 10:38, 39**

1. We live by faith.
2. We shall continue following and not draw back.

## **VI. Salvation is Through Jesus and His Work Alone**

### **John 14:6**

1. Jesus is:
  - a) the way to God,
  - b) the truth about God, and
  - c) the life of God.

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2. Only by Jesus can anyone come to the Father.

#### **Acts 4:12**

1. Salvation is in no one else.
2. Jesus is the only name that will produce salvation among men.

#### **John 1:12**

1. Only by receiving Jesus might the sinner be saved.
2. Belief in Jesus' name is a requirement.

#### **John 1:29**

1. Jesus is God's Lamb for sinners.
2. He alone takes away our sin.

#### **John 3:14-21**

1. Jesus, the Son of Man, was lifted up for us to believe in Him (**vss. 14, 15**).



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2. Jesus, the Son of God, was sent by the Father for us to believe in (**vs. 16**).
3. God sent Jesus that the world might be saved (**vs. 17**).
4. Belief in Jesus is the only way to escape condemnation (**vs. 18**).

#### **Acts 16:31**

1. Only one way is given to be saved.
2. Belief must be in the Lord Jesus Christ

#### **Rom. 5:6-11**

1. ***“Christ died for us”*** (vss. 6, 7, 8, 10).
2. We are ***“justified by HIS blood”*** (vss. 9, 11).
3. We are ***“saved from wrath through HIM”*** (**vs. 9**).
4. We are ***“reconciled by HIS death”*** (**vs. 10**).
5. We are ***“saved by HIS life”*** (**vs. 10**).
6. It is **all** ***“through our Lord Jesus Christ”*** (**vs. 11**).

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### **Rom. 6:23**

1. God's gift is through Jesus Christ.
2. Eternal life only comes through Jesus Christ.

### **Rom. 10:9, 10**

1. Confession is only of the Lord Jesus.
2. Belief is only in Jesus' resurrection.

### **I Cor. 15:3, 4**

1. The Gospel is of Jesus.
2. It is:
  - a) Christ's death,
  - b) Christ's burial, and
  - c) Christ's resurrection

### **Gal. 3:26-29**

1. Becoming a child of God requires faith in Christ Jesus.
2. It is Christ we put on; Christ we are baptized in.

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3. Our oneness is in Christ Jesus.
4. Only as we are Christ's are we heirs to the promise.

#### **Gal. 4:4, 5**

1. God's plan of salvation and timing are centered in Jesus.
2. Our redemption and adoption are through Jesus.

#### **Eph. 1:7**

1. Redemption is in Jesus; through HIS Blood.
2. Our forgiveness of sins is according to the riches of HIS grace.

#### **Eph. 2:10, 13**

1. We are "***created in Christ Jesus***".
2. We are "***made nigh***" by the blood of Christ.

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#### **I John 5:11, 12**

1. Our eternal life is in Jesus.
2. Without Jesus there is no eternal life. (A man may have a decision, baptism, doctrine, works, soul winning, prayers, church membership, etc., but without Jesus he is lost.

#### **Rev. 5:8-10**

1. Jesus has redeemed us by His blood.
2. Jesus made us kings and priests.

#### **John 5:39**

1. Men look for eternal life in the Scriptures.
2. The emphasis of the Scriptures is on revealing Jesus.
3. We need Jesus for eternal life as it cannot be had apart from HIM.

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### **Luke 24:25-27, 44**

1. All of the Scriptures speak of Jesus.
2. They tell of Christ's sufferings and the glory that should follow.

### **VII. Nature of Saving Faith**

#### **Heb. 11:6**

1. It takes faith to please God.
2. This faith was clearly defined.
3. Not just any kind of faith will do.
4. There are two kinds of faith:
  - a) Natural and
  - b) Supernatural (Saving)

#### **John 2:23-25**

1. These believed but Jesus did not commit Himself to them.
2. Only a faith that changes the inside ever satisfies Jesus.

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5. Their faith was based on physical sight, –  
*“They saw”*.

#### **John 12:42-43**

1. These had a faith, but it wasn't enough to bring them to *“confess”* Jesus.
2. Their faith was smaller than their love of the praise of men.

#### **Acts 8:13-23**

1. Simon *“believed”* but was perishing (**vss. 20, 21**).
2. His faith was an act affected by bitterness (**vs. 23**), loss of a following (**vss. 9-13**), and a misunderstanding of God's gifts (**vs. 20**).

#### **James 2:19, 20**

1. Some have a faith that is dead.
2. Devils have a faith and it makes them tremble.

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3. Such faith (**John 2 & 12: Acts 8; James 2**) is natural and insufficient.

#### **John 1:12, 13**

1. There is a faith that leads to becoming a son of God.
2. This faith is tied to being born of God.

#### **Eph. 2:8-10**

1. Supernatural faith is tied to God's grace.
2. This faith leaves us nothing about which to boast.

#### **Gal. 1:23**

1. True faith is to be preached.
2. It isn't natural, – it must be preached into men's hearts.

#### **Gal. 2:16**

1. Justification is based on faith.

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2. The type of faith is not ours (natural), but Christ's faith (supernatural).

#### **Gal. 2:20**

1. Christ's faith is given to us to live by.
2. The source means that the quality and quantity are plenty.

#### **Gal. 3:22, 24, 25**

1. Christ's faith is given to us to be able to believe.
2. It gives us access to the promise.
3. Right faith frees us from the bondage of the law.

#### **Rom. 10:17**

1. The needed faith is not natural, but comes to us.
2. It comes from Christ (**Galatians**).



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3. It comes by hearing . . . God speak.
4. This hearing comes by the Word of God.

#### **Heb. 11:1-3**

1. Supernatural faith is substance and evidence.
2. Through it we understand God's works.

#### **Heb. 11:4-39**

1. Faith produces action:
  - vs. 4 – a more excellent sacrifice
  - 5 – translation to Heaven
  - 7 – built an ark
  - 8 – left home at God's direction
  - 9 – lived in the land of promise
  - 11 – received strength to conceive
  - 17 – offered up a son
  - 20 – blessed a son
  - 21 – blessed his sons and worshipped
  - 22 – gave commands regarding burial

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- 23 – were not afraid of the King's commandment
- 24 – refused high position, chose to suffer
- 27 – forsook Egypt
- 28 – kept the Passover
- 29 – passed through the Red Sea
- 30 – walls of Jericho fell down
- 31 – deliverance from Jericho
- 33 – subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34 – quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, ran enemies off
- 35 – women received dead raised to life, were tortured, etc.
- 39 – received a good report.

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**James 2:14, 17, 20, 26**

1. Faith should be evidenced by works.
2. No works means the faith is dead (natural faith) and useless for salvation.
3. Faith that can produce proper works (supernatural faith) is profitable for salvation.



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