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A. Become right with God by good works.

‘Observing the law’

- Believe in God, Jesus and the Bible.
- Obey the commandments.
- Practice the ceremony, religious aspects.

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B. Become right with God by faith in Christ. 'faith in Jesus Christ'

- Jesus obeyed the law perfectly.
- Jesus died for our sins/lawbreaking.
- Only requirement is repentant faith in Jesus Christ.

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2. 'Faith in Christ' is the only way for a person to be made right with God.



- They say 'we know' that no person is made right with God by their own works.
- They confirm with their own experience.
- They confirm with Holy Scripture.

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3. Does being made right with God by 'faith only' promote a life of doing as you please?



Since my works of righteousness are of no value and all I have to do is believe. . .

Then . . . what keeps me from living as I please and sinning irresponsibly?

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4. Being made right with God by faith unites a person with Christ making them a new person.



- New life comes from personal union with Jesus Christ.
- New life is lived by principle of faith in Jesus Christ.
- New life is described as personal response to love and sacrifice of Jesus.

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5. Be careful to not ignore or reject God's love by holding to works righteousness.



- You set aside the grace of God in its many expressions.
- You strip the core significance from the suffering and death of Christ. 21

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.



Carefully . . .

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