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Subject: Re: Bulletin Board

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Great post, James!

I too have been thinking along the same lines at least with reference to salvation and works.

Somewhere I heard this:

Our religion (in the good sense) is a religion of GRACE and our ethic, or what we do, is GRATITUDE.

In other words, we ARE saved by grace and what we do from that point is an expression of gratitude for that grace.

I said that in another context using different words:

Quote:

1. Right now I'm a redeemed person... and that redemption is not IN ANY WAY dependent upon what I've done in my past or will do in my future. Anything that I am able to do in the realm of the crucified life or works is only a reflection of my feeble attempts to express my love back to Jesus. I might be able to achieve more, or less, than the next person but it will never change God's love for me. I know this can be interpreted as some kind of easy believism but to me it is foundational.

2. That's it... I don't have a second point. If I find myself one day not living the way I ought, the change is not in His love for me but the change is in my expression of love to Him.

Blessings,  
William

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