

WHY DO BAPTISTS BELIEVE FAITH ALONE IS ENOUGH?
EPHESIANS 2:8-9 / 2-25-18 / AM

I. WHY IS SALVATION BY WORKS THE BELIEF HELD BY SO MANY TODAY?

- A. First, salvation by works appeals to the thinking of so many in our world today--Prov. 14:12.
- B. Second, salvation by works appeals to our sense of justice.
- C. Third, salvation by works appeals to those people who don't understand the extent of their own sin--Jer. 17:9, Isa. 64:6 and James 2:10.

II. WHY DO BAPTISTS BELIEVE THAT SALVATION BY FAITH ALONE IS ENOUGH?

- A. We believe it because the Bible says it--Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 3:22, Gal 2:21.
- B. Remember this, though, faith alone is never alone--James 2:18, 2 Cor 5:17
 - 1. Good works is not the condition of salvation but rather the consequence of it. Further, good works is not the requirement of salvation but rather the result of it--Phil. 2:12.
 - 2. Further the Bible says we aren't saved by good works but we are saved for good works --Rom. 8:29.
 - 3. In other words, our profession of faith must be followed by our practice of faith --Titus 1:16.