
GOD MEASURES YOUR GOOD WORKS ON SCALES

I met a 10 year-old kid, let's call him Tom. We were in rural Pennsylvania. A asked him if he knew how to get to heaven. He told me something like this.

“When you die you stand before God and He takes out two books. One is black and an angel has written everything you ever did in black ink if you were bad. The other book is white and a different angel has written everything you have ever done good in gold ink.



Then God takes the two books and puts them on a scale and if the white book with the gold letters is heavier, you get to go to heavepn.” And then he smiled.

I asked, “Where did you learn that?”

He said, “No place. I just made it up in my own head.”

He listened wide-eyed as I explained that the Bible said our good works are not compared with our bad works, they are weighed against God's own holiness. Even the best life anyone has lived does not outweigh God's goodness. Being good does not pay for sin. Tom had no idea what the Bible teaches about sin and Jesus' dying on the Cross. He realized this was different than what he made up himself, and it was easy for him to admit he needed a Savior like Jesus. He understood that all those good things he thought were written in the gold letters would never be enough to cover the sins recorded in black, and he believed that Jesus was God who paid for all his sin.

I will meet Tom again, someday. I have prayed for him many times over the years. I have prayed that he would be diligent in studying the Word, be faithful in church, be willing to tell lots of people what he heard, which was the same thing I had heard when somebody else told me. And I prayed that he would have lots of things written in gold letters if God wrote every thing down that way.

On the next page is an enlarged copy of the middle page of a tract I wrote when we lived in Indonesia. The Qur'an teaches almost exactly what Tom told me about the scales. Most Muslims believe this. If you have a Muslim friend take this and ask him his opinion about it.

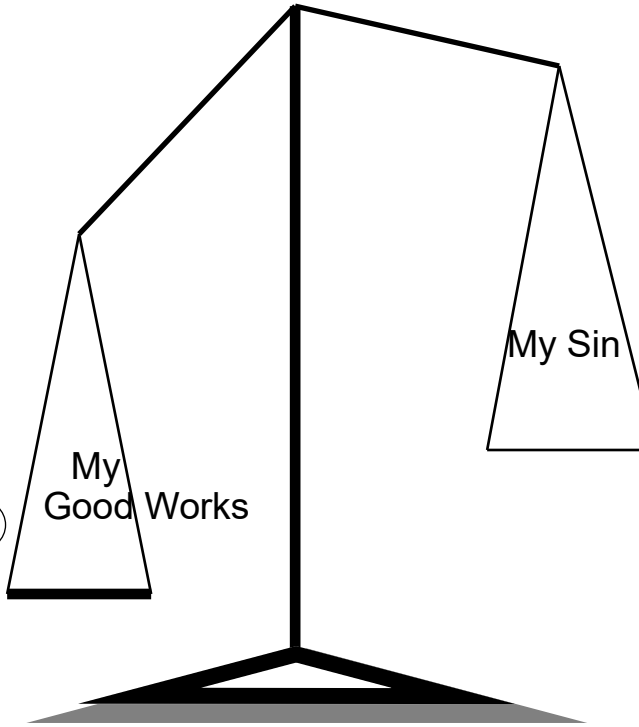
Talk about the left picture first.

After he/she has committed himself to believing that system, then explain how the Bible is different with the other two pictures.

"RELIGION"

(Faith in God plus good works)

Our good works are weighed against our bad deeds.

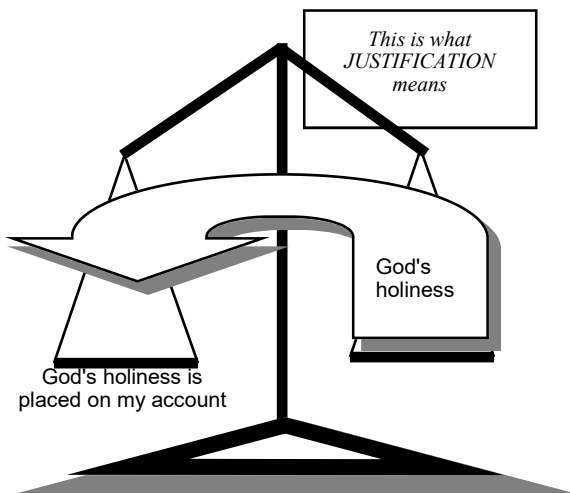
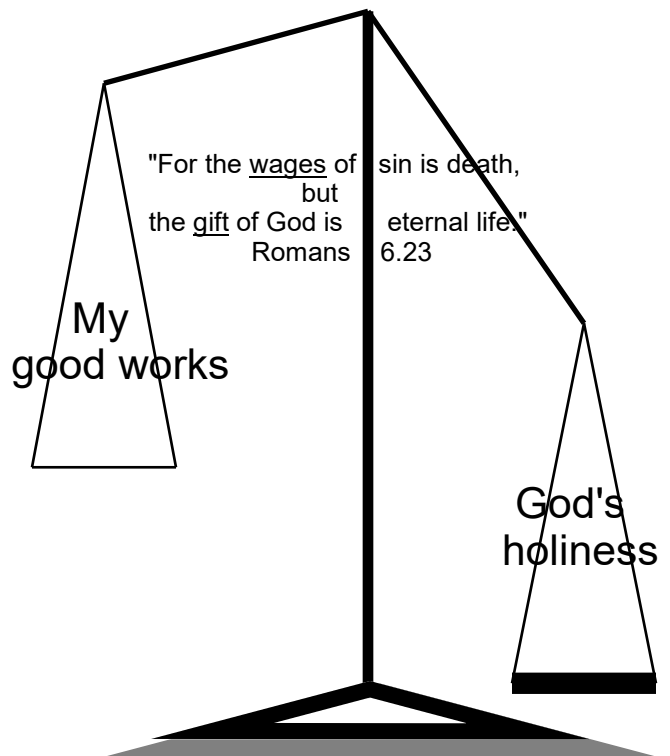


The difference between all "RELIGIONS" and Salvation through Jesus Christ.

The "Gospel"

(Faith alone in Jesus)

Our good works are weighed against the holiness of God.



... the gift of God is eternal life."
Romans 6.23

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