

# Answering Two Great Bible Questions

## Introduction:

- A. An old debater's trick: "Answer this question, yes or no"
  - 1. Some cannot be answered yes or no without embarrassment.
  - 2. Some can correctly be answer either way.
- B. Two great Bible questions that can be answered either way:

## Discussion:

### **I. Can One Save Himself? (Acts 2:40; 1 Tim.4:16; Eph. 2:8,9).**

- A. No, in that:
  - 1. He cannot plan salvation. ( Eph. 1:3-12; 3:11).
  - 2. He cannot buy salvation (1 Pet. 1:18-21).
  - 3. He cannot earn salvation (Rom. 4:1-7; Eph 2:8,9).
- B. Yes, in that:
  - 1. He must obey the truth. (1 Pet. 1:22; Rom. 6:16).
  - 2. He must judge himself worthy of eternal life. (Acts 13:46).
  - 3. He must keep himself in the love of God. (Jude 20, 21).

### **II. Is One Saved by Works? (Eph. 2:8,9; Jas. 2:24)**

- A. No, in that:
  - 1. The works of the law cannot save him. (Gal. 2:16; 3:2-10; Rom. 3:19-4:13).
  - 2. The works of merit cannot save us. (Rom. 4:4; Eph. 2:9; Tit. 3:5).
- B. Yes, in that:
  - 1. He is justified by working faith. (James 2:24; Gal 5:6).
  - 2. He is judged by his works or deeds. (Rev. 20:12,13; 2 Cor. 5:10).
  - 3. He is created for good works. (Eph. 2:10; Phil 2:12)

## Conclusion:

- A. We are saved by works, but not our own.
- B. Is baptism a work? It saves. 1 Pet. 3:21
- C. Is faith a work? (John 6:28,29)