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The following questions are for Article XIII: Of Works Before Justification

XIII. Of Works Before Justification

Works done before the grace of Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are not pleasant to God, forasmuch as they spring not of faith in Jesus Christ, neither do they make men meet to receive grace...

Video: Article XIII: Of Works Before Justification (part 1)

- I. What is the concept of "common grace"? According to Article 13, is it possible for those who are noble non-believers to receive the saving grace of God as a result of their good works?

- II. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. What is the point of this scripture and both Articles 12 and 13?

- III. How would you now answer someone who asks if God will look favorably upon them for their good works and extend them saving grace if they are not a believer in Christ but try to live by the Golden Rule?

The following questions are for Article XIII: Of Works Before Justification

XIII. Of Works Before Justification

...neither do they make men meet to receive grace, or (as the School authors say) deserve grace of congruity; yea, rather for that they are not done as God hath willed and commanded them to be done, we doubt not but they have the nature of sin.

Video: Article XIII: Of Works Before Justification (part 2)

- IV. Article 13 is addressing the Medieval idea that good works not only attracted and merited God's grace but also made a claim upon it. How does Romans 3:23 contradict this idea?

- V. The Article implies that good works done before justification are not actually good because they proceed from a sinful heart that has mixed motives. Read Jeremiah 17:9. According to scripture, can we trust our own judgement of what is good and why?

- VI. In the end, nothing we do can merit God's grace and favor. If this is so, how can we be saved?