## Islamic Works v. Christian Grace

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| Salvation based on scales.  
(Surah 17:13-14)                                                                                        | Salvation based on the Cross and grace.  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)                                                                                     |
| Salvation based on a lifetime confession of faith in Allah and his messenger Muhammed.  
(Surah 1:2-4)                                                                                        | Salvation based on a personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.  
(Romans 10:9-13)                                                                                    |
| God is impersonal; therefore, obedience to the five pillars is most important.  
(Surah 2:277)                                                                                        | God is personal and incarnate; therefore, relationship with our Heavenly Father is most important.  
(Isaiah 9:6; John 20:28)                                                                            |
| Conditional love based on obedience to Allah.  
(Surah 60:1)                                                                                        | Unconditional love based on the blood of Jesus Christ.  
(Romans 5:8)                                                                                         |
| Heaven is pictured as men sitting on couches being served wine by perpetual virgins.  
(Surah 4:57)                                                                                        | Heaven is pictured as the worship of Jesus Christ as He rewards men and women for their works after salvation.  
(Revelation 21; 1 Corinthians 3)                                                                      |
| Allah only saves those whom he wants.  
(Surah 14:4)                                                                                        | God saves all those who will receive Jesus Christ as Savior.  
(2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 2:2; Luke 19:10)                                                                  |
| Sins are overlooked if the good outweighs the bad.  
|                                                                                                      | All sins must be punished since they offend a holy God. Therefore, the cross is necessary.             |
| Salvation is never guaranteed (outside of jihad and martyrdom).  
(Surah 3:157; Hadith 1.35)                                                                            | Salvation is guaranteed based on Christ’s finished work (Luke 23), the Spirit’s sealing (Ephesians 1:13), and the Word of God  
(1 John 5:12-13).                                                                                  |
| Muhammed himself did not know his eternal destiny. Why follow a man who does not know God’s plan for his eternal life?  
(Hadith 5.266)                                                                                     | Jesus Christ finished the work on the cross. Salvation is not based on man changing himself.  
Salvation is based on God transforming man from the inside out.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17).                                                                                 |