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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8–9

You are not saved by anything that you do. It is a gift from God, plain and simple. Now, having said that, you can lose your salvation by what you choose to do. Faith carries with it a responsibility to obey the commandments of God. When I say that, I am sure that your mind goes to the Ten Commandments. It is true that all of our relationships can be summed up in the Decalogue. But Jesus gave us a more over arching commandment: to love one another. If we do that, our faith will blossom and flourish and bear much fruit. But it is not as simple as it sounds. Loving one another is an act of your will. It is not an emotion. Otherwise, you can only love those whom you like. It becomes difficult when you have to love those whom you do not really care for.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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