

PAUL AND WORKS

Works Not Before Salvation

“⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ep.2:8-9)

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

²⁸Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.” (Rm.3:20,28)

“And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.” (Rm.11:6)

“knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.” (Ga.2:16)

“who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began” (2Tm.1:9)

(Rm.3:27; 4:6; 9:11)

Works After Salvation

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ep.2:10)

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called” (Ep.4:1)

“that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Cl.1:10)

“comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.” (2Th.2:17)

“that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2Tm.3:17)

“⁷in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” (Ti.2:7,14)

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men” (Ti.3:8)

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (He.10:24)

(1Tm.5:25; 6:18; He.13:21; 1Pe2:12)