

DIFFERENT WORKS

Some serious religious debates center on works, but an oft overlooked fact is that not all works are the same.

I. “WORKS OF DARKNESS” OR “WORKS OF THE FLESH” OR “WICKED WORKS” OR “DEAD WORKS”

A. **Romans 13:12; Ephesians 5:11**

“Works of darkness” are sins to cast off and expose, not to be in fellowship with.

B. **Galatians 5:19-21**

“Works of the flesh” are sins that will keep souls out of God’s kingdom.

C. **Colossians 1:21**

“Wicked works” alienate people from the Lord.

D. **Hebrews 9:14**

“Dead works” need to be washed from the conscience by Jesus’ blood.

II. “WORKS OF THE LAW”

A. **Galatians 2:16; 3:2, 5, 10**

Emphatically, works of the Law cannot save any souls.

B. **Romans 10:4; Galatians 2:19; Ephesians 2:14-15**

The Law ended with Christ and we have died to it in Him.

III. “WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”

A. **Titus 3:3-5**

We cannot be saved by works of our own righteousness. It is the result of God’s mercy.

B. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

No one deserves to be saved. Boasting about our own works is pointless.

C. Romans 11:5-6

Grace would be negated if we thought salvation could be earned by works.

IV. "GOOD WORKS"

A. Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11-14

Christians were created to do good works.

B. 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

Scripture was written to equip readers for good works.

C. Hebrews 10:24-25

Churches assemble to promote good works.

D. Matthew 5:16; 1st Peter 2:11-12

Soul winning depends on our good works.

E. Titus 3:1, 8, 14; Hebrews 13:20-21; Colossians 1:9-10

There are constant reminders throughout the New Testament to keep busy with good works.

F. 1st Thessalonians 1:2-3; James 2:14-26

Good works are not in conflict with faith.

CONCLUSION

A. Revelation 20:12-13

Judgment will be according to works.

B. Hebrews 6:1; Acts 26:20

To prepare for judgment, one must repent of dead works to do works befitting repentance.