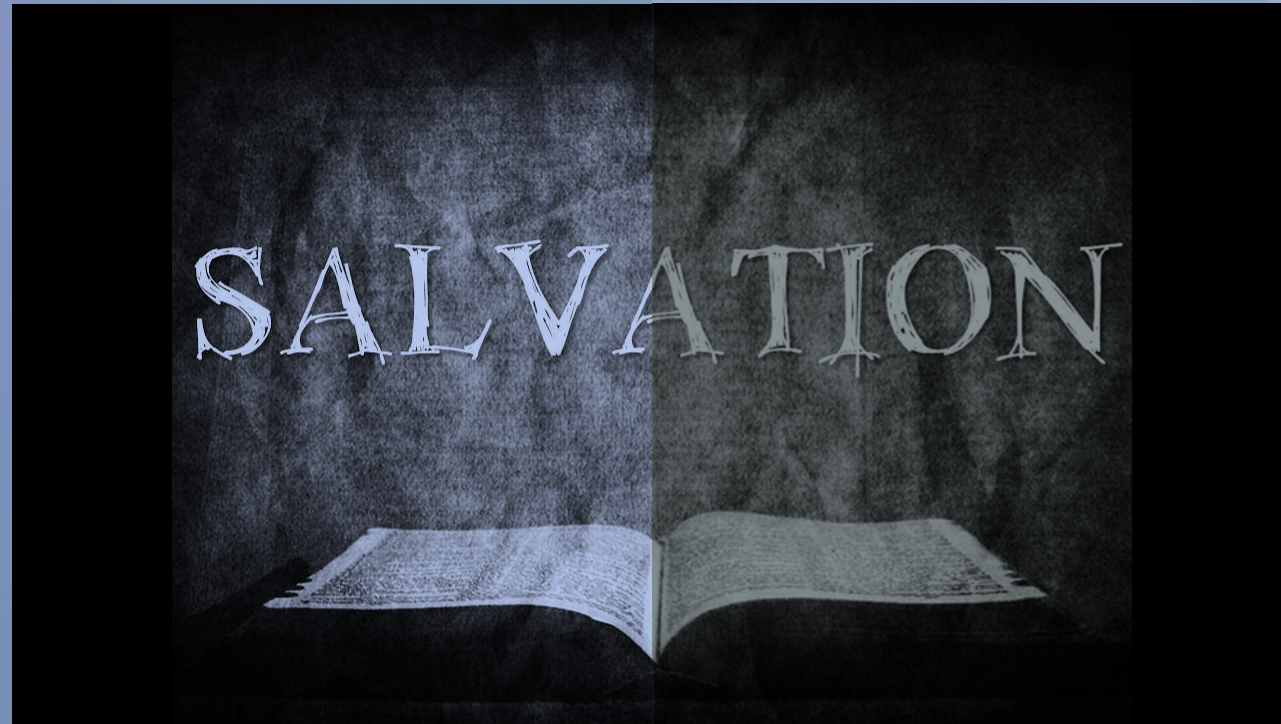


# Questions of Salvation



# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?



- What does that mean?
- What is Grace ?
  - What is included?
  - What is excluded?
- What is Faith?
  - What is included?
  - What is excluded?

# Are We Saved by Grace through Faith?

- Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup> For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God,  
<sup>9</sup> **not** a result of **works**, so that no one may boast.



# How would you define GRACE?

## ▶ Hebrew:

- ▶ יְנִי – *chen (khen)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, merciful kindness

## ▶ Greek:

- ▶ Χαρις – *charis (kharis)* = grace/favor = loving kindness, given freely and generously
- ▶ The Gift of God – δῶρον – *doron* = that which is given or granted

# If we are Saved by Grace...



- What is included?
  - Eternal Life
  - All Spiritual blessings
  - Spiritual gifts
- What is excluded?
  - Works
  - The Law

If we are Saved  
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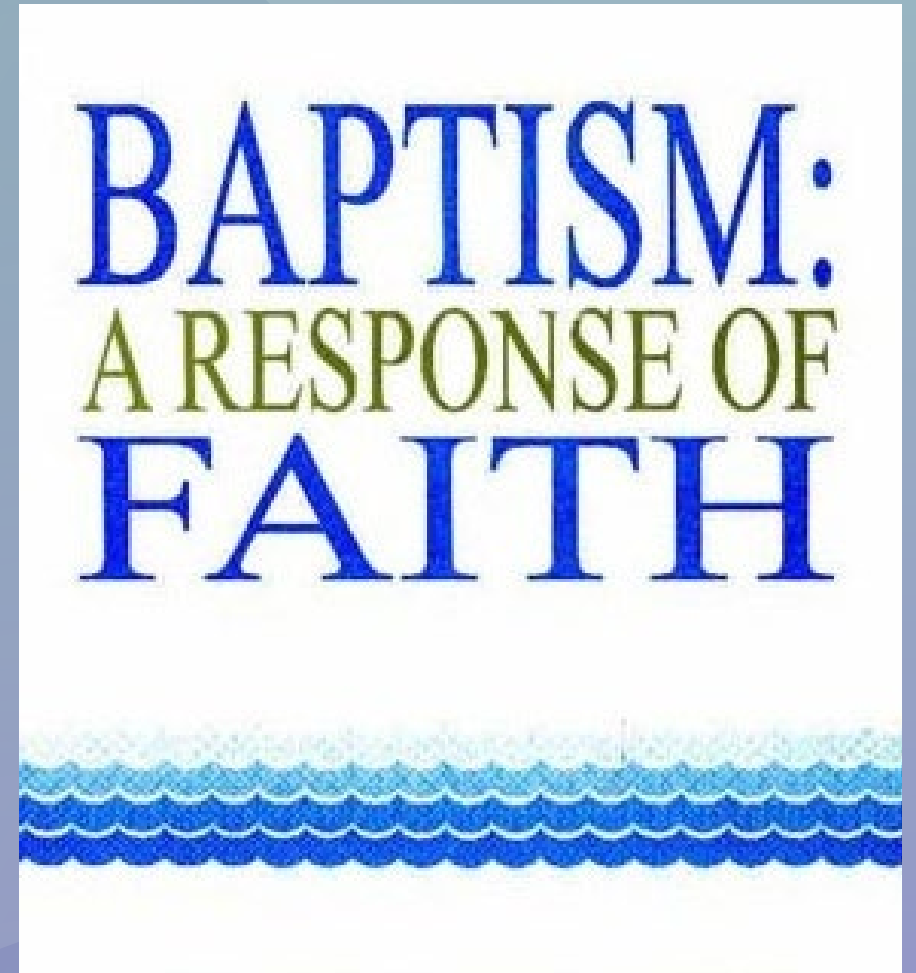
- What else is included?
  - Trust
  - Repentance
  - Confession
  - Baptism

# Is Baptism Part of a Saving Faith?

## ▶ Gal. 3:25-27

But now that **faith** has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, **through faith**. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have **put on Christ**.

▶ How does Paul say we become sons of God through faith?



# What is Being Expressed in Baptism?

► Romans 6:1-6; 11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



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<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin....

<sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



# What is Being Expressed in Baptism?

## ▶ 1 Peter 3:20b-21

<sup>20b</sup> when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were **brought safely through water**. <sup>21</sup> **Baptism**, which corresponds to this, now **saves you, not as a removal of dirt** from the body but as an **appeal** to God for a **good conscience**, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

- ▶ Appeal can also be translated “a pledge (promise) from a good conscience”. A pledge or promise for what?
- ▶ Does it matter if we understand what we are expressing?



# How does Baptism Tie to the Elements of Faith?

- ▶ How does Baptism tie to trusting God?
- ▶ How does Baptism tie to repentance from sin?
- ▶ How does Baptism tie to confessing Jesus is Lord?
- ▶ How does Baptism tie to obedience of faith?

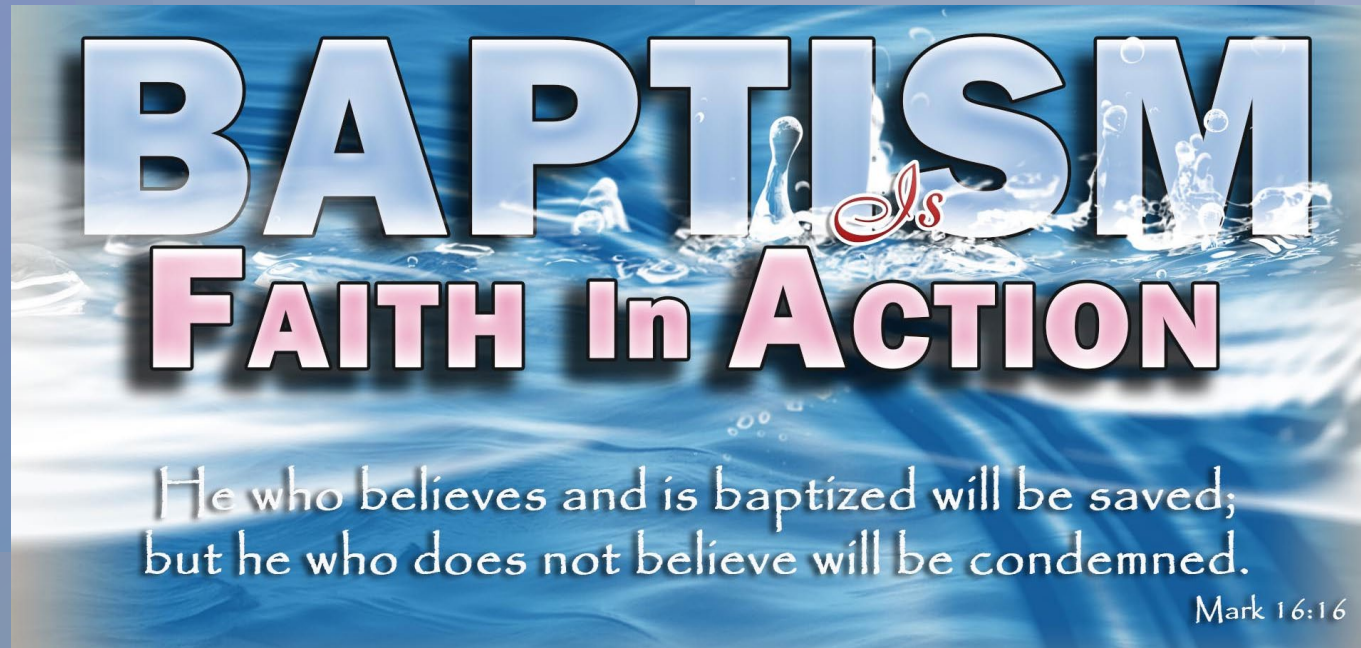


**"BAPTISM:  
SALVATION BY  
GRACE THROUGH  
FAITH!"**

# Are Both Faith and Baptism Necessary?

## ▶ Mark 16:15-16

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever **believes and is baptized** will be **saved**, but whoever **does not believe** will be **condemned**.





# Why Was Jesus Baptized?

## ▶ Matthew 3:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be **baptized** by him. <sup>14</sup> And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be **baptized** by You, and are You coming to me?”

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is **fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he allowed Him.



# What does “to fulfil all righteousness mean?”

## ▶ Greek

- ▶ πρέπον – *prepon* = “fitting” = right; **proper**
- ▶ ληρόω – *pleroō* = “fulfill” = to make complete; to **proclaim completely**; to give true meaning
- ▶ Δικαιοσύνη – *dikaiosunē* = “righteousness” = what is right; what is appointed by God to be acknowledged and **obeyed** by man; religious requirements; observances or **practices required** by one’s religion
- ▶ “It is proper for us to proclaim and complete the practices that God has required for man to obey.”

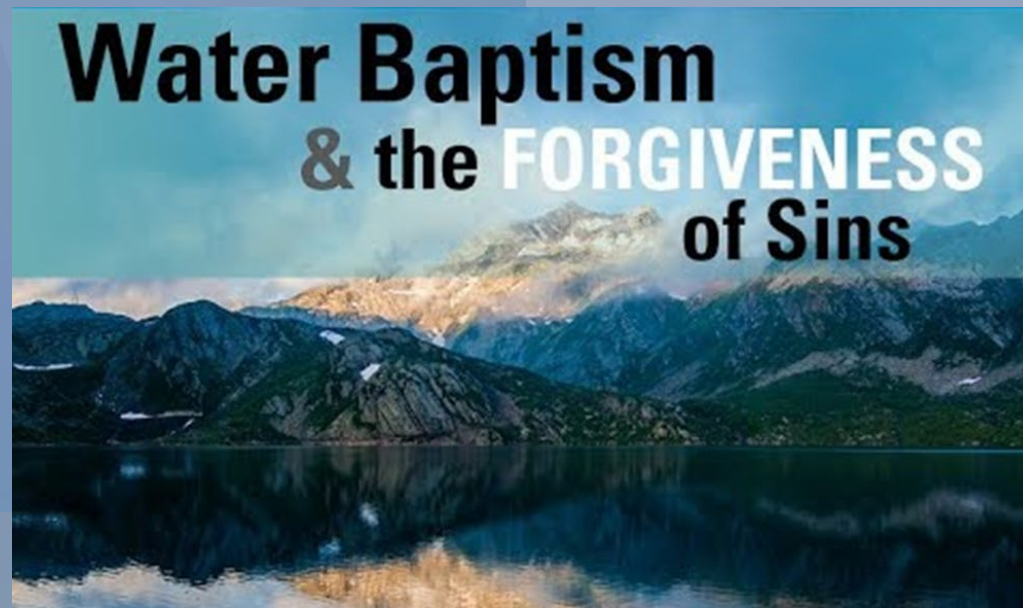


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▶ Acts 2:38;41

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## ▶ Greek

▶ εἰς – eis = 40 different meanings; among them: in order to (for the **purpose** of); so that (so that you will get a **result**)

▶ Based on what is being expressed in baptism, which meaning do you think fits best?

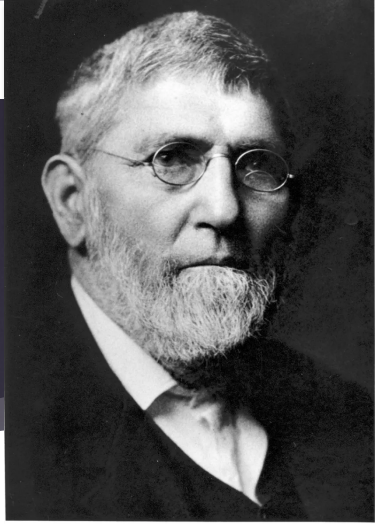


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- ▶ If someone understands that by being baptized they are making a commitment to trust God by dying to themselves, turning from their sins, and making Jesus Lord, is it necessary for them to understand the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit come with it?

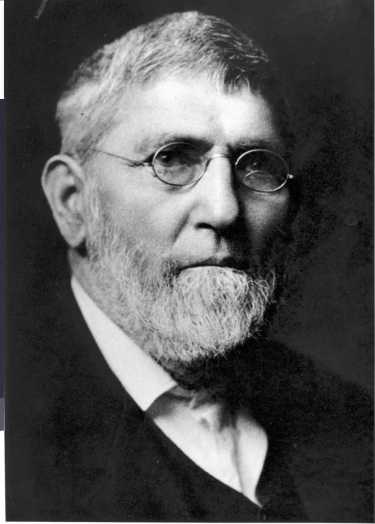


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- ▶ David Lipscomb, *Queries and Answers*, Rowe Publishers, 1918:  
“Does a mistake as to the point at which God bestows the blessing cause God to withhold the blessing from one who, through faith, does what God tells him? ... I can produce scores of examples and precepts from the Old Testament and the New Testament showing that a misunderstanding on the part of man as to when, in the path of obedience, a blessing was promised, or even of what the blessing was, did not prevent God bestowing the blessing when the point was reached. ... God is pleased with the faith that does what he tells to be done without waiting to know when and how God will bless.”

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- ▶ David Lipscomb, *Queries and Answers*, Rowe Publishers, 1918: “Christ was baptized ‘to fulfill all righteousness,’ or to obey all the commands of God to make men righteous. (Matt. 3:15.) It is difficult to improve on the examples of Christ. All blessings and all the promises of God connected with the service of God ought to be proclaimed to encourage men to trust in and obey God. But when man does so trust God as to do what he commands, God accepts that service from the humblest of mortals, and man should throw no stumbling-blocks in the way of these little ones of God.”

If we are Saved  
through Faith...



- What is included?
  - Trust
  - Repentance
  - Confession
  - Baptism
- What is excluded?
  - Works?

# Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

## ▶ Romans 3:27-28

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our **boasting**? It is **excluded**. By what kind of law? By a **law of works**? No, but by the **law of faith**. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by **faith apart from works of the law**.

## ▶ Galatians 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by **works of the law** but through **faith** in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by **faith** in Christ and **not** by **works of the law**, because by **works of the law** no one will be justified.

Therefore we conclude that a man is..  
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# Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

- ▶ What are works of the law?
- ▶ What law?
- ▶ Commands?
- ▶ Is there a law of Christ?
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 9:21

“To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under **the law of Christ**) that I might win those outside the law.”

- ▶ Galatians 6:2

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the **law of Christ.**”



# Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

▶ What is the law of Christ?

▶ Galatians 5:14

“the whole **law** is fulfilled in one word: “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**”

▶ Romans 13:9

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**”

▶ Have you always completely obeyed the law of Christ?

▶ Where is the boasting?



# Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

## ► Romans 9:31-32; 10:3-4

<sup>31</sup> but that Israel who pursued a **law** that would lead to **righteousness** did not succeed in reaching that **law**. <sup>32</sup> Why? Because they did not pursue it by **faith**, but as if it were based on **works**. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone...<sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the **end** of the law for righteousness to everyone who **believes**.



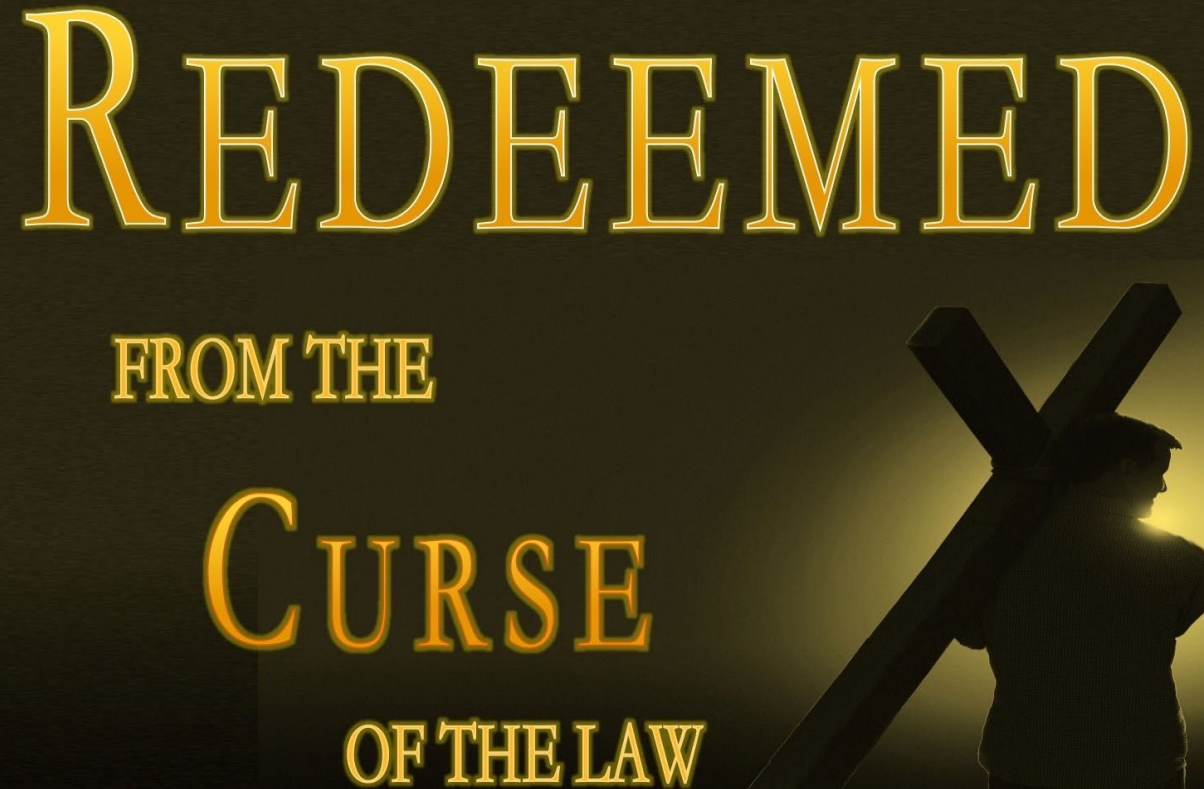
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**Romans 10:4**

# Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

## ► Galatians 3:10-11

<sup>10</sup> For all who rely on **works of the law** are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by **all** things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” <sup>11</sup> Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by **faith**.”



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FROM THE  
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# Are We Saved by Faith Plus Works?

## ► James 2:10-13

<sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the **whole law** but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the **law of liberty**. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without **mercy** to one who has shown no **mercy**. **Mercy** triumphs over judgment.

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# Where do Works Come In?

- ▶ If we are not saved by completing and keeping a list of commandments, does that mean it doesn't matter what we do or don't do?
- ▶ If we have in faith pledged to die to ourselves and to sin and to make Jesus Lord of our life, following him, what will our lives look like?
- ▶ When we do good works to the glory of God, who gets the credit?

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whatever you do,  
do it all for the  
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# Who is working to produce good works in us?

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## ► Philippians 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out** your own **salvation** with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is **God** who **works in you**, both to **will and to work** for his good pleasure.

## ► Greek

► Κατεργάζομαι – *katergazomai* = “work out” = accomplish; perform; act upon; put into effect by toil;

► Is the work to bring about salvation or as a result of salvation?

► Who is working to produce the work?



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