

# BENEFITS OF GOOD WORKS

## They **SHOW** Our Gratitude to God For The Gift of His Son (Cl.2:6)

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“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him” (Cl.2:6)

- This does not mean God saves us, and we work the rest of our lives to pay Him back for the favor (Ro.11:33-36)
- The wonder of our salvation produces such thankfulness in our hearts that it is our pleasure to serve God

## They **GIVE** Assurance of Our Faith (1Jn.2:1-6)

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<sup>4</sup>“He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

<sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” (1Jn.2:4-6)

- Good works helps prove our right standing before God.
- Faith alone justifies, but the faith that justifies is never alone.
- Our good fruit shows that we are a good tree (Mt.7:15-20)
- They help make our calling and election sure (2Pe.1:10)



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**Good Works**  
EPHESIANS 2:10

## They **ENCOURAGE** Other Christians Toward Greater Christ-Centered Love (He.10:24)

**3**

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

- This shows the importance of face to face fellowship. Biblically this is essential (“not forsake assembling,” He.10:25).

## They **SILENCE** Critics Who Devalue Christians (1Pe.2:12,15)

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<sup>12</sup>“having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men” (1Pe.2:12, 15)

- Good works done in Christ's name can make the gospel attractive to unbelievers (1Pe.2:12)

## They **GLORIFY** God by Displaying His Love in Our Lives (Jn.15:8-11)

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<sup>10</sup>“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” (Jn.15:10-11)

- God is praised by the works done in His name (Jn.15:8, “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit”)
- “Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey”