



Good Works Won't Work October 30-31, 2021

50 Days of Good News Memory Verse

Romans 4:5 (NLT)

But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

Sins cannot be erased by good deeds.

G – God created us to be with him.

O – Our sins separate us from God.

S – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

P – Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

E – Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

L – Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

Life in 6 Words. Dare 2 Share Ministries.

Romans 4:2 (NLT)

If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way.

Romans 11:6 (TPT)

"And since it is by God's grace, it can't be a matter of their good works; otherwise, it wouldn't be a gift of grace, but earned by human effort."

Good Works Won't Work Because the Best We Can Offer:

1 Falls miserably short of God's perfect standard.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

2 Fails to surpass the standard of filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6 (NLT)

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

3 Focuses on my effort and not God's amazing Grace.

Titus 3:5 (NLT)

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and a new life through the Holy Spirit.

Why good works are a load of lies?

Galatians 2:16, 20 (NLT) 21 (NIV)

"Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law... My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

- Front Loading the gospel is religious hypocrisy. (False Gospel)

- Back Loading the gospel is eternal insecurity. (Unclear Gospel)

God's grace is enough for those who:

1 Believe in God's plan for Salvation.

Genesis 3:14-15 (NLT)

"Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Genesis 15:6 (NLT)

And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

2 Receive it as a gift of Grace.

Romans 4:3-5 (NLT)

For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned.

Why is the world filled with pain and suffering?

- We live on a broken cursed planet.
- We bring it on ourselves.
- We suffer at the hands of others.
- We are victims of a spiritual war.

3

Relieve my broken past by allowing God to use it for someone else's benefit.

Romans 4:16-25 (NLT)

So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping – believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead – and so was Sarah's womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

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Romans 1:16 (NLT)

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ.
It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew
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