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Prologue	We have been conditioned in past centuries with a theological position that is not defined by THEOS' Word in first instance, but which is primarily defined by the opposition to evil, namely doctrines of the Catholic church which added extra-works such as purgatory or indulgences . Many denominations have overinterpreted and overemphasized the Reformers and have brought biblical theology to the other extreme, precisely to relativize even Works of Faith at a broad scale and to consequently weaken the effectivity of the body of CHRISTOS and its Great Commission. We should urgently divorce ourselves from following doctrines of man and from Celebrity Christianity.	“Both subjects, even faith and works, ought to be diligently taught and urged; yet so that each may remain within its own limits. For if works alone are taught, as is the case in the papacy, faith is lost sight of; if faith alone is taught, immediately carnal men imagine that good works are not necessary.”		
		“Although life eternal is to be sought by us in the constant pursuit of good works , yet it is to be obtained altogether through faith by all who firmly believe in the Good Message of CHRISTOS.” [...] We agree with our adversaries in this, that the justified person must necessarily live righteously. We agree likewise that they will perish eternally, who do not perform good works . But the question is, whether our good works are of themselves worthy of that glory which THEOS promises.”		
Works Of The Law	Paul rejects the ' (past) justification by works of the law ' - referring to the actions performed to fulfill the Mosaic Law found in the first five books of the Old Testament (see Heb 9:13 below). Sacrifices, being circumcised, eating 'clean' foods, and other ceremonies are powerless to justify us in the sight of THEOS.	We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles, but knowing that a person is not justified by the Works of the Law , if not by faith in IESOUS CHRISTOS , and we have believed in CHRISTOS IESOUS so that we may be justified by faith in CHRISTOS and not by the Works of the Law , because by the Works of the Law no human being will be justified.		
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	Works of the law .	For as many as are of the Works of the Law are under a curse, for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all the things that are written in the book of the law to do them.”		
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	Works based on tradition and man-made rules (monastic vows, vows of celibacy, keeping of extrabiblical fasts, penances, pilgrimages, self-inflicted tortures, et al.).	... to love Him out of all the heart, and out of all the understanding, and out of all the soul, and out of all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as one's self, is more than all the whole burnt-offerings and the sacrifices .’		
		For by the works of the law no person will be declared righteous before him, for through the law [=commandments] comes knowledge of sin .		
	Paul builds the bridge to James, by rejecting the Works of Law and by affirming Faith , which causes better works - those of Faith .	For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of THEOS; it is not from Works [of the Law] , so that no one can boast.		
		THEOS ... saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our Works [of the Law] but according to His own purpose [works of love] and grace ...		
	Works of Faith	For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow sprinkled on those who are defiled sanctify them for the ritual purity of the flesh, how much more will the blood of CHRISTOS, who through the eternal SPIRIT offered himself without blemish to THEOS, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living THEOS?		
		This people honor me with the mouth, yet have their heart far away from me. And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines commands of men ."		
	What are some key differences between the teachings of Paul and those of James?	... where is boasting? [...] By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith . For we consider a person to be justified by faith apart from the works of the law .		
		What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith . But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith , but as it were by the Works of the Law . For they stumbled at that stumbling stone ...		
< HARMONIZING > PAUL & JAMES	What are some key differences between the teachings of Paul and those of James?	Paul ...		
		James ...		
Works Of Faith (Of Love)	James now emphasizes the ' justification by works ' - meaning to maintain a right standing with THEOS by faith along with the necessary evidence of faith , namely, the Works (of Faith) . Works of Faith do not directly cause Future Salvation, but are an essential part of Present Salvation (Sanctification) and there is hardly a way not involving Works of Faith leading to Future Salvation. Not everyone is able to do the same kind of Works of Faith as those works are often directly related to Spiritual Gifts, which are also not given in the same nature, power and effectiveness to every believer, but based on the desire of the HOLY SPIRIT. He is absolutely sovereign and gives the gifts to whomever He pleases, in whatever degree He pleases. Everyone has one or some of the gifts, but nobody has all the gifts (- see also the study 'Spiritual Gifts').	We give thanks to THEOS always concerning all of you, making mention constantly in our prayers, because we remember your Work of Faith and Labor of Love and steadfastness of hope in our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS in the presence of our THEOS and FATHER, knowing, brothers dearly loved by THEOS, that He has chosen you ...		
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	Faith without works is dead. Works of Faith are a necessary attestation to faith.	... for which purpose we also pray always for you, that you may be considered worthy of the calling of our THEOS, and he might fulfill every desire for goodness and Work of Faith with power, in order that the name of our KYRIOS IESOUS may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our THEOS and the KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS.		
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	Good works by faith and of love .	Thus let your light shine before men, so that they may notice your good works [Works of Faith] and may glorify your FATHER in the Heavens.		
		The good man brings forth good out of the good treasure . Likewise, the wicked man brings forth evil out of the evil treasure.		
	Examples of good works.	It is necessary for us to do the deeds [of Faith] of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work!		
		... the one who believes in me, the works that I am doing he will do also , and he will do greater works [not greater in power] than these because I am going to the FATHER [IESOUS had only a limited time with His church].		
		And THEOS is able to cause all grace to abound to you, so that in everything at all times, because you have enough of everything, you may overflow in every good work [Works of Faith] .		
		Now it is clear that no one is justified in the sight of THEOS by the law, because “the one who is righteous will live by faith .” But the law is not from faith, but “ the one who does these things will live by them.”		
		For in CHRISTOS IESOUS neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but faith working through love [Works of Love] .		
		For we are His creation, created in CHRISTOS IESOUS for good works [Works of Faith] , which THEOS prepared beforehand, so that we may walk in them.		
		... He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify for Himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good deeds [Works of Faith] .		
		And let us think about how to stir one another up to love and good works [Works of Faith] ...		
		‘I know your works , and your love , and faith , and service , and patient endurance - and your last works [Works of Faith] are greater than the first.		
		Now in Joppa there was a certain female disciple named Tabitha. She was full of good deeds [Works of Faith] and charitable giving which she was constantly doing.		
		The saying is trustworthy: if anyone aspires to supervision , he desires a good work .		
		Let a widow be put on the list [...] being well-attested by good works [Works of Love] , if she has brought up children , if she has shown hospitality , if she has washed the feet of the saints , if she has helped those who are oppressed , if she has devoted herself to every good work .		
		For THEOS is not unjust, so as to forget your work and the love [Works of Love] which you demonstrated for his name by having served the saints , and continuing to serve them .		
		And do not neglect doing good [Works of Faith] and generosity , for THEOS is pleased with such sacrifices.		
		Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good behavior his works , with the humility of wisdom.		

