Comment Scripture 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 Prologue 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 ${ t W}$ orks 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. Although Martin Luther took (once) a clear position against the 'Faith Alone' "Both subjects, even faith and works, ought to be diligently taught and urged; yet <u>Martin</u> Luther so that each may remain within its own limits. For if works alone are taught, as is doctrine which is massively being propathe case in the papacy, faith is lost sight of; if faith alone is taught, immediately gated today in (American) Christianity, <u>Gal 5:15</u> are not necessary." he is clearly to be considered as highly problematic. He went as far in his anger carnal men imagine that "Although life eternal is to be sought by us in the constant pursuit of <u>Martin</u> as to become hostile towards THEOS yet it is to be obtained altogether through faith by all who firmly believe in the Good very Word and famously not only Enarrat. opposed, but factually removed the Message of CHRISTOS." [...] We agree with our adversaries in this, that the justified Epist. ad book of James (plus Hebrews, Jude person must necessarily live righteously. We agree likewise that they will perish eter Ephes. and Revelation) from the canon of the . But the question is, whether our good works nally, who do not perform Cap. 2, Bible (separate section), because it did Pag. 69 are of themselves worthy of that glory which THEOS promises." not fit into the theological position he had developed over time. Today we hold exactly the same theological position as Luther and we notice with no surprise that the book of James is often being neglected by Christians. 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, Works Of The Law and other ceremonies are powerless to justify us in the sight of THEOS. Biblical definition of the term Gal We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles, but knowing that a 2:15-16 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. 2:16 **EIAOTEC** ANOPWITOC EX OTI OY **ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥΤΑΙ** EPFWN NOMOY EAN anthrOpos G444 **hoti ou** G3756 dikaioutai G1344 **ex** G1537 Scripture 4all.org Part Neg vi Pres Pas 3 Sg n_Nom Sg m vp Perf Act Nom Pl m n Gen Pl n Conj n Gen Sg m HAVING-PERCEIVED that IS-beING-JUSTIFIED human OF-ACTS OF-LAW NOT OUT IF-EVER ... Did you receive the SPIRIT by the Works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? <u>Gal 3:2</u> 3:2 **TOYTO** MONON BEYON MAREIN Аф YMON EZ EPFWN NOMOY touto monon thelO mathein humOn ergOn nomou G5124 pd Acc Sg n G5216 pp 2 Gen Pl G3551 n_ Gen Sg m G3440 G2309 vi Pres Act 1 Sg G3129 vn 2Aor Act G1537 Prep G2041 n_ Gen Pl n Scripture 4all.org G575 Prep OF-LAW ONLY I-AM-WILLING TO-BE-LEARNING FROM YOU(p) OUT OF-ACTS <u>Gal</u> For as many as are of the Works of the Law are under a curse, for it is written, "Cursed 3:10 is everyone who does not abide by all the things that are written in the book of the law to do them." 3:10 OCOI FAP EPFWN NOMOY YTO KATAPAN EICIN gar G1063 hosoi ergOn nomou eisin hupo kataran eisin G2041 n_ Gen Pl n G3551 n_ Gen Sg m OF-LAW G1526 vi Pres vxx 3 Pl G1526 vi Pres vxx 3 Pl G3745 G1537 G5259 G2671 pk Nom Pl m Conj 4all.org Prep for OUT OF-ACTS ARE UNDER DOWN-EXECRATION ARE Works of the law. ... to love Him out of all the heart, and out of all the understanding, and out of all the Mar 12:33 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 Rom 3:20 the law [=commandments] comes knowledge of sin. For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift Eph 2:8-9of THEOS; it is not from Works [of the Law], so that no one can boast. 2Tim 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 ... Heb For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow sprinkled on those 9:13-14 who are defiled sanctify them for the ritual purity of the flesh, how much more will odof CHRISTOS, who through the eternal SPIRIT offered himself without b mish to THEOS, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living THEOS? Works based on tradition and This people honor me with the mouth, yet have their heart far away from me. Mat 15:8-9 man-made rules (monastic vows, And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines commands of men." vows of celibacy, keeping of extrabiblical fasts, penances, pilgrimages, self-inflicted tortures, et al.). Paul builds the bridge to James, ... where is boasting? [...] By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. Rom 3:27-28 by rejecting the Works of Law For we consider a person to be justified by faith apart from the works of the law. and by affirming Faith, which causes better works - those What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, Rom 9:30-32 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 ... Paul ... What are some key differences ... addresses rather the un-converted. ... addresses the converted. between the teachings of Paul ... speaks about the root of Past Salvation. ... speaks about the fruit of Present S and those of James? ... speaks about how to be saved. ... speaks about how to be sanctified. ... emphasizes the need for faith to those ... emphasizes the qu llity of faith needed to who were trusting in their deeds. those who had no deeds. 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 Works an essential part of Present Salvation (Sanctification) and there is hardly a way not involving ${ t V}$ orks of Faith leading to Future Of Faith (Of Love) 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 (ullet see also the study 'Spiritual Gifts'). Biblical definition of the We give thanks to THEOS always concerning all of you, making mention constantly 1The in our prayers, because we remember your steadfastness of hope in our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS in the presence of our THEOS and and FATHER, knowing, brothers dearly loved by THEOS, that He has chosen you ... 1:3 AAIAAEITTCC MNHMONEYONTEC mnEmoneuontes <u>Scripture</u> YMON TOY **EPLOA** THC пістєфс KAI tou G3588 tEs G3588 humOn **kai** G2532 <u>4all.org</u> ergou G89 G3421 G5216 pp 2 Gen Pl G2041 G4102 vp Pres Act Nom Pl m t Gen Sg n n_Gen Sg n Adv Gen Sg f n_Gen Sg OF-YOU(p) OF-THE **UN-intermittingly** rememberING THE ACT BELIEF AND unintermittingly TOY копоч THC АГАПНС THC YTTOMONHC THC ΕΛΠΙΔΟΟ KAI tEs tou kopou tEs agapEs **kai** G2532 tEs hupomonEs elpidos G1680 n Gen Sg f G2873 n_ Gen Sg m G26 n_ Gen Sg f G3588 G3588 G3588 Gen Sg f Gen Sg m Gen Sg f Gen Sg f THE OF-THE LOVE AND THE **UNDER-REMAINing** OF-THE **EXPECTATION** <u> 2The</u> ... 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 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. Scripture ПАНРШСН MACAN EYAOKIAN AFAOCCYNHC KAI **EPFON** TICTEWC EN plErOsE G4137 vs Aor Act 3 Sg eudokian G2107 agathOsunEs G19 n_ Gen Sg f pisteOs G4102 **en dunamei** G1722 G1411 pasan G3956 kai G2532 ergon G2041 <u>4all.org</u> n Dat Sg f a_Acc Sgf n Acc Sa f n Acc Sg n n Gen Saf Prep OF-BELIEF SHOULD-BE-FILLING EVERY WELL-SEEMing OF-GOODness AND IN ABILITY work should-be-fulfilling Faith without works is dead. What is the benefit, my brothers, if someone says that he has faith but does not have <u>Jam</u> Works of Faith are a necessary rks [of Faith]? That faith is not able to save him [can only refer to Final Salvation attestation to faith. works do not influence Past Salvation], is it? Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds [Works of Faith]." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? You see that faith was working together with his works, and by the works the faith was perfected. You see that a person is justified by Works [of Faith] and not by faith alone. For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. Thus let your light shine before men, so that they may notice your good works Mat Good works by faith and of love. 5:16 and may glorify your FATHER in the Heavens. The good man brings forth good out of the Mat d treasure. Likewise, the wicked man 12:35 brings forth evil out of the evil treasure. It is necessary for us to do the of the one who sent me while it is day; <u>Joh</u> 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 <u>Joh</u> [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, <u> 2Cor</u> 9:8 because you have enough of everything, you may overflow in every Now it is clear that no one is justified in the sight of THEOS by the law, because "the one <u>Gal</u> iith." But the law is not from faith, but "the one who who is righteous will live 🐚 these things will live by them. For in CHRISTOS IESOUS neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, <u>Gal</u> 5:6 working through <u>Eph</u> For we are His creation, created in CHRISTOS IESOUS for 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 And let us think about how to stir one another up to love and good works [Works of <u>Heb 10:24</u> vorks, and your love, and faith, and service, and patient endurance - and 'I know your 2:19 orks [Works of Faith] are greater than the first. vour last Examples of good works. <u>Act</u> Now in Joppa there was a certain female disciple named Tabitha. She was full of good 9:36 deeds [Works of Faith] and charitable giving which she was constantly doing.

good work.

with such sacrifices.

works, with the humility of wisdom.

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

For THEOS is not unjust, so as to forget your work and the love [Works of Love] which

And do not neglect doing good [Works of Faith] and generosity, for THEOS is pleased

you demonstrated for his name by having served the saints, and continuing to serve

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good behavior his

1Tim 3:1

<u>1Tim</u>

5:9-10

<u>Heb</u> <u>6:10</u>

Heb 13:16

<u>Jam</u> 3:13 Works Of Faith



	Comment	Scripture	
Exhortation	Work for THEOS, with reverence and awe (=fear) before Him.	Therefore my dear friends, just as you have always [continuous = sanctification] obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, work [G2716 KAT ERGAZESTHE; Works of Faith, not Works of the Law; speaking to a group (work is plural) about individual salvation (singular; not corporate as sometimes erroneously interpreted in order to diminish the importance of works)] out [not for] your own [individual] salvation [cannot refer to Past Salvation / Re-Birth, neither to Future Salvation / Glorification, but to Present Salvation / Sanctification; we are initially saved without Works, and Works of Faith / of Love only indirectly lead to Future Salvation] with fear [G5401 PHOBOS = reverence for THEOS, those who have faith involving works do not have to fear in the literal sense] and trembling [G5156 TROMOS = quake with fear]. For the one at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure, is THEOS.	Php 2:12
		EAYTON COTHPIAN KATEPFAZECOE heautOn sOtErian katergazesthe G1438 G4991 G2716 pf 3 Gen Pl m n_Act Sg vm Pres midD/pasD 2 Pl OF-selves SAVing BE-YE-DOWN-ACTING salvation be-ye-effecting!	<u>Scripture</u> 4all.org
		but in every nation the one who fears [G5399 PHOBEO] Him and who does [H2038 ERGAZOMAI] what is right is acceptable to Him.	<u>Act</u> 10:35
		but in every nation the one who fears [G5399 PHOBEO] Him and who does [H2038 ERGAZOMAI] what is right is acceptable to Him. But if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to fear [G870 APHOBOS], for he is carrying out [G2038 ERGAZOMAI] KYRIOS' work [G2041 ERGON = labour], as I also am. And if you call on Him as FATHER who judges impartially according to each one's work [G2041 ERGON = labour], conduct yourselves with fear [G5401 PHOBOS]	1Cor 16:10
		And if you call on Him as FATHER who judges impartially according to each one's work [G2041 ERGON = labour], conduct yourselves with fear [G5401 PHOBOS] during the time of your temporary residence	<u>1Pet</u> 1:17
	Other verses encouraging us to do Works of Faith / of Love.	Greet Persis, the dear friend who has worked [G2872 KOPIAO = labour] hard in KYRIOS.	<u>Rom</u> <u>16:12</u>
		So then, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work [G2872 KOPOS = toil] of KYRIOS, because you know that your labor is not in vain in KYRIOS.	<u>1Cor</u> 15:58
		But let each one examine his own work [G2041 ERGON = labour], and then he will have a reason for boasting in himself alone, and not in someone else.	Gal 6:4
		Remind them to be subject to the rulers and to the authorities, to obey, to be prepared for every good work [G2041 ERGON = labour] [] The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist concerning these things, so that those who have believed in THEOS may be care-ful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and beneficial for people.	<u>Tit</u> <u>3:1-8</u>
		Therefore, let us make every effort [G4704 SPOUDAZO = labour] to enter into that rest, in order that no one may fall in the same pattern of disobedience.	<u>Heb</u> 4:11
	Don't fall short.	I have glorified you on earth by completing the work [G2041 ERGON = labour] that you have given me to do.	<u>Joh</u> 17:4
		Now because we are fellow workers [G4903 SUNERGEO], we also urge you not to receive the grace of THEOS in vain.	<u>2Cor</u> <u>6:1</u>
		we may present every person mature in CHRISTOS, for which purpose also I labor [G2872 KOPIAO = hard work], striving according to His working which is at work powerfully in me. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the works	<u>Col</u> 1:28-29 Rev
		[G2041 ERGON = labour] you did at first. But if you do not, I am coming to you, and I will remove your lampstand [= Future Salvation] from its place, unless you repent.	2:5
		Be on the alert and strengthen the remaining things that are about to die, for I have not found your works [G2041 ERGON = labour] completed before my THEOS. Therefore remember how you have received and heard, and observe it, and repent. If therefore you are not on the alert, I will come like a thief, and you will never know at what hour I will come against you.	<u>Rev</u> 3:2
		'I know your works [G2041 ERGON = labour] [] because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth!	<u>Rev</u> 3:15-16
Future Judgment	Judgment according to the Works of Faith.	For we must all appear before the judgment seat of CHRISTOS, in order that each one may receive back the things through the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad.	2Cor 5:10
		And another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to their deeds.	<u>Rev</u> 20:12
	Works of Faith will be rewarded on Judgment Day / for Eternity.	Command those who are rich in this present age [] to do good, to be rich in good works [] storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future Do not work for the food that perishes, but the food that remains to eternal life	1 <u>Tim</u> 6:17-19 Joh 6:27
		THEOS, who will reward each one according to his works: to those who, by perseverance in good work, seek glory and honor and immortality, eternal life,	Rom 2:5-7
		each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are THEOS' fellow workers	<u>1Cor</u> 3:7-8
		the fire itself will test the work of each one, of what sort it is. If anyone's work that he has built upon it remains, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but so as through fire.	<u>1Cor</u> 3:13-15
		And the one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him authority over the nations	<u>Rev</u> 2:26
Work = Professional Labour?	Professional Labour There is a certain overlap of both concepts, but works is rather a concept not related to professional labour.	Slaves [applicable also for today's employees], obey your earthly masters All those who are under the yoke as slaves [applicable also for today's employees] must regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, lest the name of THEOS and the teaching be slandered. And those who have believing masters must not look down on them because they are brothers, but rather they must serve, because those who benefit by their service are believers and dearly loved.	Eph 6:5 1Tim 6:1-2
		Slaves [~employees] must be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not to talk back, not stealing, but demonstrating all good faith, in order that they may do credit to the teaching of THEOS our Savior in everything.	Tit 2:9-10
Common Misinter- pretations	A commonly misinterpreted Bible verse is found in Isaiah: Many teachers interpret this passage in this way:	"We all have become unclean, all (our) righteousnesses are (like) a filthy rag" "Even our most exemplary -works- are nothing but filthy rags before a holy and righteous THEOS."	
	this verse, which clearly refers to t also Mar 7:19). This interpretation Faith / of Love are essential and wi	ying to distance Protestants from Catholics, by injecting the word 'deeds' or 'works' int he abolished Ceremonial Law , as the Old Covenant term ' <mark>unclean</mark> ' already indicates (se is nothing short of heresy, because THEOS makes it over and over very clear that Work ill be rewarded in Heaven - contrary to filthy rags which rather stand for works that wil ks would be filthy rags, then all works would be burned up.	ee ss of