



## Introduction

## Prologue

Over the past centuries, we have been shaped by a theological position not primarily defined by the Word of THEOS, but primarily by resistance to evil, specifically by the teachings of the Roman Catholic church which popularized **additional works such as purgatory or indulgences**. Many denominations have overinterpreted and overemphasized the Reformers and pushed biblical theology to the other extreme, relativizing even the **Works of Faith** in general and consequently weakening the efficacy of the Body of CHRISTOS and His Great Commission. We urgently need to break free from following human doctrines and Celebrity Christianity.

Although Martin Luther took originally a clear stance against the doctrine of 'Faith Alone', which is now widespread in Christianity, he must undoubtedly be considered a problematic teacher. In his anger, he even went so far as to oppose the Word of THEOS and famously removed not only the Epistle of James (as well as the Epistle to the Hebrews, the Epistle of Jude, and the Book of Revelation) from the canon of the Bible (all into a separate section), because it did not fit his theological position, which he had developed over time. Today, we hold precisely the same theological position as Luther and therefore find, unsurprisingly, that the Epistle of James is often neglected by Christians.

*"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."*

Martin Luther on Gal 5:15

*"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 G-spel of Christ." [...] 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 G-d promises."*

Martin Bucer, Enarrat. Epist. ad Ephes. Cap. 2, Pag. 69

(general discernment required, he influenced Calvin)

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Works  
of The Law

**Paul rejects the (past) justification by works of the law** – referring to the actions performed to fulfill the 600+ Old Covenant Laws (see Heb 9:13 below). Sacrifices, being circumcised, eating 'clean' foods, and other ceremonies are powerless to justify us in the sight of THEOS.

Biblical definition of the term 'Works of the Law'.

*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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Gal  
2:15-16

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*... Did you receive the SPIRIT by the **Works of the Law**, or by the hearing of **faith**?*

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Gal 3:2

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*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 of the law.

*... 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**.*

*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 ...*

*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?*

Mar  
12:33

Rom  
3:20

Eph  
2:8-9

2Tim  
1:9

Heb  
9:13-14

Works which are based on tradition, man-made rules and / or the Old Covenant (organized celibacy, ceremonial duties, circumcision, dietary laws, extrabiblical fasts, monastic vows, penances, pilgrimages, tithing, tortures, et al.).

Paul builds the bridge to James, by rejecting the **Works of Law** and by affirming **Faith**, which causes **better works - those of Faith**.

*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**."*

*... 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 ...*

Mat  
15:8-9

Rom  
3:27-28

Rom  
9:30-32



## Comment

## Scripture

## Harmo-nization

What are some key differences between the teachings of Paul and those of James?

## Paul ...

## James ...

... speaks about the **root of Past Salvation**.  
 ... speaks about **how to be saved**.  
 ... emphasizes the **need for faith** to those who were trusting in their deeds.

... speaks about the **fruit of Present Salvation**.  
 ... speaks about **how to be sanctified**.  
 ... emphasizes the **quality of faith** needed to those who had no deeds.

Works  
Of Faith  
(Of Love)

James now **emphasizes** the '**justification by works**' - that is, maintaining a right relationship with THEOS through faith and the necessary **evidence of faith**, namely, the **Works (of Faith)**. Works of Faith do not directly bring about Future Salvation, but they are an essential part of Present Salvation (Sanctification), and there is hardly a path to Future Salvation that does not include **Works of Faith**.

Not everyone is capable of the same Works of Faith, since these are often directly related to Spiritual Gifts such as evangelism, teaching, or wisdom which are not bestowed upon every believer in the same way, with the same power and effectiveness, but depend on the will of the HOLY SPIRIT. He is absolutely sovereign and gives the gifts to whomever He wills, and to whatever extent He wills. Everyone possesses one or some of the gifts, but no one possesses all of them (► see also the study 'Spiritual Gifts').

Biblical definition of the terms '**Works of Faith**' and '**Labors of Love**'.

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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... 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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Faith without works is dead. Works of **faith** are a necessary attestation to faith.

What is the benefit, my brothers, if someone says that he has **faith** but does not have **Works of Faith**? That faith is not able to save him [can only refer to Final Salvation -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.

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.

Jam  
2:14-26

Mat  
5:16

The good man brings forth good out of the **good treasure**. Likewise, the wicked man brings forth evil out of the evil treasure.

Mat  
12:35

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!

Joh  
9:4

... 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].

Joh  
14:12

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].

2Cor  
9:8

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."

Gal  
3:11-12

For in CHRISTOS IESOUS neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but **faith** working through **love** [Works of Love].

Gal  
5:6

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.

Eph  
2:10

... He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify for Himself a people for his own possession, **zealous** for **good deeds** [Works of Faith].

Tit  
2:14

And let us think about how to stir one another up to **love** and **good works** [Works of Faith] ...

Heb 10:24

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.

Rev  
2:19

Examples of **good** works.

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.

Act  
9:36

The saying is trustworthy: if anyone aspires to **supervision**, he desires a **good work**.

1Tim 3:1

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.

1Tim  
5:9-10

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.

Heb  
6:10

And do not neglect **doing good** [Works of Faith] and **generosity**, for THEOS is pleased with such sacrifices.

Heb 13:16

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his **good behavior** his **works**, with the humility of wisdom.

Jam  
3:13



	Comment	Scripture
Exhortation To Works of Faith	Work for THEOS, with reverence and awe (=fear) before Him.	<p><i>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; speaking to a group (verb 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, neither to Future Salvation, but to Present Salvation / Sanctification; we are initially saved without Works] 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.</i></p> <p><b>Scripture 4all.org</b></p> <p><b>Php 2:12</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Verses (Work &amp; Fear)</b></p> <p>... but in every nation the one who fears [G5399 PHOBEO] Him and who does [H2038 ERGAZOMAI] what is right is acceptable to Him.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 ...</p> <p><b>Act 10:35</b></p> <p><b>1Cor 16:10</b></p> <p><b>1Pet 1:17</b></p>
	Other verses encouraging us to do Works of Faith / of Love.	<p>... Greet Persis, the dear friend who has worked [G2872 KOIAO = labour] hard in KYRIOS.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and beneficial for people.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Rom 16:12</b></p> <p><b>1Cor 15:58</b></p> <p><b>Gal 6:4</b></p> <p><b>Tit 3:1-8</b></p> <p><b>Heb 4:11</b></p>
	Don't fall short.	<p>I have glorified you on earth by completing the work [G2041 ERGON = labour] that you have given me to do.</p> <p>Now because we are fellow workers [G4903 SUNERGEZO], we also urge you not to receive the grace of THEOS in vain.</p> <p>... we may present every person mature in CHRISTOS, for which purpose also I labor [G2872 KOIAO = hard work], striving according to His working which is at work powerfully in me.</p> <p>Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the works [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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>Col 1:28-29</b></p> <p><b>Rev 2:5</b></p> <p><b>Rev 3:2</b></p> <p><b>Rev 3:15-16</b></p>



	Comment	Scripture	
Future Judgment	<p>Judgment according to the Works of Faith.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>2Cor 5:10</u></p> <p><u>Rev 20:12</u></p>
	<p>Works of Faith will be rewarded on Judgment Day / for Eternity.</p>	<p>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 ...</p> <p>Do not work for the food that perishes, but the food that remains to eternal life ...</p> <p>... 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, ...</p> <p>... each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are THEOS' fellow workers ...</p> <p>... 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.</p> <p>And the one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him authority over the nations ...</p>	<p><u>1Tim 6:17-19</u></p> <p><u>Joh 6:27</u></p> <p><u>Rom 2:5-7</u></p> <p><u>1Cor 3:7-8</u></p> <p><u>1Cor 3:13-15</u></p> <p><u>Rev 2:26</u></p>
Work = Professional Labour?	<p>Professional Labour</p> <p>There is a certain overlap of both concepts, but works is rather a concept not related to professional labour.</p>	<p>Slaves [applicable also for today's employees], obey your earthly masters ...</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Eph 6:5</u></p> <p><u>1Tim 6:1-2</u></p> <p><u>Tit 2:9-10</u></p>
Common Misinterpretations	<p>A commonly misinterpreted Bible verse is found in Isaiah:</p> <p>Many teachers interpret this passage in this way:</p> <p>This is an overzealous intent of trying to distance Protestants from Catholics, by injecting the word 'deeds' or 'works' into this verse, which clearly refers to the abolished Ceremonial Law, as the Old Covenant term 'unclean' already indicates (see also Mar 7:19). This interpretation is nothing short of heresy, because THEOS makes it over and over very clear that Works of Faith / of Love are essential and will be rewarded in Heaven – contrary to filthy rags which rather stand for works that will be burned up (1Cor 3:15). If all works would be filthy rags, then all works would be burned up.</p> <p>The proposed interpretation of this verse is:</p>	<p>"We all have become unclean, all (our) righteousnesses are (like) a filthy rag ..."</p> <p>"Even our most exemplary -works- are nothing but filthy rags before a holy and righteous THEOS."</p> <p><i>Our (intend of) righteousness compared to the perfect righteousness of THEOS is worthless.</i></p>	<p><u>Isa 64:6</u></p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

