

Sermon Quotes
September 28th, 2008
Series on Philippians- 2:12-13 God Works and We Work

Main Points This Morning:

Those Who Emphasize Their Work, Not God's.

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How These Two Truths Function Together.

Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this **is not your own doing; it is the gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Titus 3:5-7 ESV “He saved us, **not because of works done by us in righteousness**, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that **being justified by his grace** we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Romans 10:3-4 ESV “For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, **and seeking to establish their own**, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Song we Sing:

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washes white as snow.

When we fall into this error, we come to believe that we can't do anything apart from God's grace, which is true.

But we fail to see that God's grace is never in short supply and is always available to draw upon for the strength we need to obey.

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Look at the very next verse...

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that **we should walk in them.**”

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But again, look at the very next verse...

Titus 3:8 ESV “The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to **insist on these things**, so that those who have believed in God **may be careful to devote themselves to good works.**”

“There are some things that we cannot do, but God will not do for us those things we can.”

—Jerry Bridges

*“Salvation is wholly of grace, **not only undeserved but undesired by us** until God was pleased to awaken us to **a sense of our need** of it. And then we find everything prepared that our wants require or our wishes conceive. Yes, He has done exceedingly beyond what we could either ask or think.”*

—John Newton
(Amazing Grace)

“If you have faith, and joy, and hope, who gave them to you? These did not spring up spontaneously in your heart. They were sown there by the hand of love. If you have lived a godly life for years, if you have been a diligent servant of the church and of your God, in whose strength have you done it? Is there not One who works all our works in us? Could you work out your salvation with fear and trembling if God did not first work in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure?”

—Charles Spurgeon