

WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH AND NOT BY WORKS – Eph 2:8,9

BUT “FAITH” THAT DOES NOT PRODUCE GOOD WORKS IS DEAD – Jam 2:14-26

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We are saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work of redemption on the Cross **and not by our own good works.** *Rom 3:21-26, 4:1-5, 5:1, Gal 2:16, Eph 2:8,9, Tit 3:5.*

But a true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will produce good works of love, mercy, caring and service to others. *Lk 10:27-37, Mk 12:29-33, Mat 20:20-28, Mat 25:34-40, Jam 2:14-26, Tit 2:14, Gal 5:13,14, Eph 2:10, Jn 13:13-17.* [We are to serve others out of a **secure identity in Christ, by the leading and enabling of the Holy Spirit.** *Phil 2:5-8.*] See Nos 25,91,127,261, www.pastornotes.com

The wedding garment for believers, which we will need to wear at the wedding supper of the Lamb, is made up of our works of righteousness. *Rev 19:7-9.*

Jesus said to the woman at the well, “If you knew Who was speaking to you, and the gift that God desires to give to you, **you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.** This living water will be in you as a well of water springing up into eternal life, and **it will satisfy all your needs.**” *Jn 4:10,14.*

When we believe in Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit within. *Jn 14:17.* The Holy Spirit **transforms us inwardly to be like Christ and meets our needs.**

On the great day of the Feast of Tabernacles, when the priests poured out the water onto the altar, Jesus cried out, “If anyone is thirsty **come to Me and drink and out of your innermost being will flow rivers of living water.**” By saying this, He was referring to the Holy Spirit, which those who believe on Him would receive, after He ascended back to the Throne of God. *Jn 7:37-39, Heb 1:3, Ac 1:11, Heb 12:2.*

When we believe in Jesus, God pours out His Holy Spirit upon us, and into us, so that rivers of God’s life will flow out of us to others. *Ac 1:4-8, Ac 2:1-11, 41.*

SO WHAT ARE SOME OF THE GOOD WORKS THAT JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD REQUIRES OF US?

Prayer for the Father’s Name to be hallowed and feared, for His Kingdom to come and to be extended in every place, (in me, my family, church, town, and nation), and **for His will to be done** in us and among all people. *Lk 11:1-13.*

Prayer for our individual, family, and church needs to be met, for His mercy to wash us clean as we forgive others, for His deliverance from all temptation and the evil one. Pray in faith and believe He hears and answers as He has promised. *Jn 16:23,24, Lk 18:1-8, 2Chr 7:14, Heb 7:25.*

Caring for the needy. *Jam 2:14-25, Mat 25:31-46, Jer 22:16, Jam 1:27, Lk 14:13, Pro 19:17.* Find out who and where they are. Consider visiting those in prison, hospital, going to the solos, sick and aged, to assist and encourage. Maybe there could be a clothes outlet, budgeting services, food parcels, petrol coupons. Sending help overseas to places like Mozambique, India and Vanuatu. Only send money to reliable you know.

Take the Gospel to the lost. *Lk 19:10, Mat 9:13, Mk 16:15,16, Mat 28:18-20, Jn 4:35, Ac 1:8, 8:4, Phil 1:15-18.*

Pray daily for some unsaved contacts. Ask the Lord for **boldness, words, opportunities, compassion,** and the **leading of the Holy Spirit.** **Claim the promises** that the Lord has already made us able witnesses, and that He has given to us His boldness. See the Scripture Promise sheet numbers 17 & 18. www.pastornotes.com Carry tracts and be ready. God will hear your prayer and answer it.

Caring for new believers until they are established in Christ and become mature disciples. *Jn 21:15-17,*

Mat 28:19. **Win** the lost and **establish** them in Christ, **disciple** to maturity in the Lord and **send them out** to reap the harvest. *Mat 9:37,38.*

Raising a godly family. *Mal 2:14-16, Eph 5:21-6:4, 1Tim 5:10, Tit 2:4,5.* [See number 100 www.pastornotes.com]

Individually, as a couple, and as a family, **spend time in the Word** and in **prayer,** giving **thanks and praise** to the Lord. **Live a godly life of honour to Christ, believe and claim the promises of the Word for your children** and they will follow the way of the Lord. Family Motto *Eph 4:32.* Scripture Promise sheet number 5. www.pastornotes.com

Regularly fellowship with other believers at the Table of the Lord. Here we come to worship God in Spirit and in truth for all His goodness, mercy and love, *1Cor 11:23-26, Jn 4:23.* This is the time to show forth the Lord’s death until He comes. It is time to worship God for the gift of His Son and the wonderful salvation we have through Him.