

7 WAYS GOD WORKS TODAY

ACKNOWLEDGING THE WORK OF GOD UNDER GRACE

*"Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working,
which worketh in me mightily."*

~ Colossians 1:29

Mysterious Ways

- a. In what ways does God work today?
- b. "God moves in a mysterious way" – first line of an 18th c. English hymn (not Bible)
- c. *"those things which are revealed belong unto us"* - Deu 29:29, Eph 1:9
- d. The Bible describes God's work.
 - i. He works at sundry times in divers manners – Heb 1:1
 - ii. He does not work in every way people think – Jer 23:21,25,29-31
 - iii. He works in ways people do not know but can. ← Ways we need to know.

God Works Today

- e. In time past, God worked in divers manners (different ways), but... – Heb 1:1
- f. Dispensational Bible study focuses on what God is doing, His revealed will: His work.
- g. He has worked through covenants, Israel, angels, dreams, talking donkeys...
- h. But now ... Eph 2:11-13, Rom 3:21, 16:26, Col 1:25-26, 2 Cor 5:7, 1 Cor 12:4-6
- i. The wrong answer is, "He does not work today" "God does not intervene"
- j. God works in this dispensation of grace; in what ways does God work?

1. Providence

- a. This is God's consistent work in upholding creation - Col 1:16-17, 1 Tim 6:17, Heb 1:3
- b. This is where man is without excuse - Rom 1:20
- c. God is always at work in this way - John 5:16-18, Ps 19:1-3, Acts 17:28
- d. Don't make this the preeminent way God works today, else you will miss salvation

2. Salvation

- a. His death/resurrection to save is the single most important work – Col 1:13-14, 18-21
- b. If you are saved, God has operated on you - Col 2:11-13
- c. The gospel is the power of God, the work of God – Rom 1:16, 4:24, Titus 3:4-6
- d. In salvation, you were made his workmanship – Eph 1:19, Eph 2:5-10

3. Scripture

- a. The Bible was completed in this dispensation. It contains his will.
- b. The work to make it is done, but preservation continues – Ps 12:7, Matt 5:18
- c. It works in those that believe to make them perfect – 1 Thess 2:13, 2 Tim 3:17

4. Spirit

- a. The Spirit teaches, witnesses, and helps – 1 Cor 2:13, Rom 8:16, 26
- b. The Spirit works in you until that day – Phi 1:6, Eph 1:13, 4:30
- c. The Holy Ghost worked in them to bear fruit – 1 Thess 1:5-7, Gal 5:22-23

5. His Body

- a. The church today is the Body of Christ, a new creature of God – Eph 4:16
- b. The church is the work of God - Rom 14:20
- c. You are God's building, and God gives the increase – 1 Cor 3:5-9
- d. God works in you to will and to do - Phi 2:13
- e. Looking for God to work "out there" can undermine "Christ in you"

6. Service of the Saints (Church Ministry)

- a. We are supposed to work with God to do his work – 2 Cor 6:1, 1 Cor 15:58, 16:10
- b. God's working, which worked in Paul to minister - Col 1:29
- c. God comforted us by the coming of Titus - 2 Cor 8:6, 16
- d. God provides all we need by His grace to do his work – 2 Cor 9:8

7. Resurrection

- a. Paul wants to know the power of his resurrection, and now does – Phi 3:10-11
- b. God gives us hope through the resurrection – Phi 3:20-21
- c. We shall all be changed (by God's work) – 1 Cor 15:52

Conclusion

- d. "Him that is able to do... according to the power that worketh in us" – Eph 3:20
- e. "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by..." – Phm 6
- f. "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me" – 2 Tim 4:17
- g. Without His word, His Spirit, His Body God's work is not known.