



SEPTEMBER 18-24 [WEEK 38]
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 [DAY186]

Good Works and The Believer

READ: Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

THINK ABOUT IT: What makes a work good?

READ: DD-186

READ: James 2:21-24

²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

THINK DEEPER: If a believer had no good works, what good is their faith?



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 [DAY187]

Good Works and Merit

READ: Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THINK ABOUT IT: What is merit.

READ: DD-187

READ: Matthew 5:11-12

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THINK DEEPER: Since our salvation is a free gift, how can we have reward in heaven?



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 [DAY188]

Perseverance

READ: John 10:27-30

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

THINK ABOUT IT: What is merit.

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READ: Galatians 5:4

⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

READ: Hebrews 6:4-6

⁴ It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶ and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance.

THINK DEEPER: Can you reject your faith?



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 [DAY189]

Warning Passages

READ: Matthew 7:26-27

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

THINK ABOUT IT: What is the warning here?

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READ: Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

THINK DEEPER: Why would there be a warning if it was impossible to reject your faith?



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 [DAY 190]

Glorification

READ: Romans 8:29-30

*²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also **glorified**.*

THINK ABOUT IT: What does it mean to be glorified?

READ: DD-190

READ: 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

*⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰ on the day he comes to **be glorified** in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.*

THINK DEEPER: How was Jesus glorified? Is it the same for us?