

Paul's Letter to the
Romans



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ONLY TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE

1. REDEEMED (SAVED)
2. UNREDEEMED (UNSAVED)



ONLY TWO POSSIBLE OUTCOMES AFTER
DEATH

1. ETERNAL PUNISHMENT (HELL)
2. ETERNAL BLESSING (HEAVEN)

Proverbs 14:12 (also 16:25)



“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

WHAT CHARACTERIZES THE SAVED AND THE UNSAVED?

ROMANS 2:6-10



1. Redeemed.

- a. Perseverance [in doing good] (v. 7)
- b. Seeks for glory, honor, immortality (v. 7)
- c. Ends in: "Eternal life" (v. 7)
 - ✚ Glory, honor, and peace. (v. 10)

2. Unredeemed.

- a. Selfishly ambitious (v. 8)
- b. Do not obey the truth. (v. 8)
- c. Obey unrighteousness (v. 8)
- d. Ends in "Wrath and indignation" (v. 8)
 - ✚ Tribulation and distress (v. 9)

Romans 2:6-10

6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



Important Biblical Truth

Salvation is by grace through faith—not works

- Habakkuk 2:4 “Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.”
- Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Titus 3:5 “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **but** according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.



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GOD WILL JUDGE YOU BY THEM.

Is 3:10-11 “Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, for they will eat the fruit of their actions. Woe to the wicked it will go badly with him, for what he deserves will be done to him.”

Jeremiah 17:10 “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.”

Matt 16:27 “for the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.”



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John 5:28 “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to the resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”

THE BIG QUESTION OF ROMANS 2:7-10



If salvation is by grace through faith and **NOT** of works, who are those that are doing “Good deeds”?

- Some believe Paul is speaking hypothetically here.
- Some believe Paul is speaking truth—but a truth unattainable (Ch. 3 all sin)

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- ✓ These are Christians!
- ✓ The “Good deeds” Paul speaks of here are simply the result of repentance and trust in Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Because they are the result of repentance, they are not things we’ve done to earn salvation. They are merely the fruit of our new life in Christ.

JOHN 6:28-29



“Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” and Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

JOHN 3:14-21

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. “**But** he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

EPHESIANS 2:8-10



“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

WORKS IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

"But you say, I thought Paul taught clearly that a person is saved by faith. That is true. A bit later he affirms that a person "is justified by faith apart from observing the law" (Rom 3:18). But in the immediate context Paul was not teaching how we are made right with God but how God judges the reality of our faith. Faith is not an abstract quality that can be validated by some spiritual test unrelated to life. God judges faith by the difference it makes in how a person actually lives."

Robert Mounce

- Salvation is not just a mental assent or acknowledgment of Jesus—demons believe Jesus is the Son of God, true salvation will be accompanied by confirming evidence.



JAMES 1:14–20, 26

“What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?...(26) just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”



ROMANS 2:7

7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for
glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;



1st Characteristic of the Redeemed of God?



1. They Persevere!

- ✓ Means: “To have the capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty.” (BDAG)
- ✓ It is steadfastness, fortitude and endurance in the battle.

PERSEVERE IN CHRIST

- 1 Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.”
- Jude 24 “Now **to Him** who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen”



PERSEVERE IN CHRIST

Rom 15:4ff "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

2 Thess 1:4 "We ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecution and affliction which you endure."

1 Tim 6:11 "But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness."

2 Tim 3:10 "Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions and suffering such as happened to me at Antioch."

Tit 2:2 "Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance."

James 1:3 "Knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result [work], so that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing"

2 Peter 1:5-6 "Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self control and in your self control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness"



STRUGGLING?

Ask some questions:

- Have you denied the faith?
- Are you walking in sin?
- Address these things.
- Turn to the Lord, pour out your heart to Him.
- Spend time with Him in the Word.
- Remind yourself of the promises He's given you
- Remind yourself to "Man up" and be strong in the Lord!
- Wait on Him.
- Seek counsel and fellowship with a fellow believer.



PERSEVERE!

- 2 Tim. 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to ALL who have loved His appearing.”



2 EXHORTATIONS

- 1) If you are a true Christian there should be evidence of it. If there is none, you are not—get that right today.
- 2) Don't give up. **Persevere**. Hold out. Hold on. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

