

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves - James 1:22

What About Them Good Works?

Ephesians 2:10



Study

What is the main point of the passage? Write a 2 or 3 sentence summary of the passage.

Why can't a person be saved by his/her good works?

Why do you think Christians debate whether or not works follow salvation?

What is the relationship between works and faith according to James 2:14-17?

What is the point of the illustration in Matthew 7:24-27?

How does focusing on works as something we do turn into a platform for self-righteousness?

Do you believe the right action with the wrong motive is still wrong? Why or why not? What are some biblical passages that defend your understanding?

What is the difference between *walking* and *working* in good works?

What does godliness look like if we focus on works as a working? What does godliness look like if we focus on works as walking?

Biblically define good works.



Think About It

Scenario: My wife was listening to a podcast in which a formerly conservative Christian left the faith. He described his transition in the podcast. In one section, he noted how it seemed that his new atheist friends were friendlier and more honest than his former Christian friends. How should we think about this situation? How does this situation relate to the biblical understanding of “good works”?

Would you say before this sermon you thought of works more in the sense of performance or in the sense of product? Why do you think that was the situation? How might a mindset change effect the way you look at Christian maturity and growth?

Why is checklist Christianity easy? What are some areas of life that you find yourself thinking in terms of checklist Christianity? How might we as a church better attack this mentality (get practical)?
