

“TO THE WORK”

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INTRO.:

- A. Text: **Revelation 2:2, 9, 13, 19, 3:1, 8, 15**. (I know thy works...)
- B. Regarding the text:
 - 1. There is a tremendous misconception concerning work connected with salvation.
 - 2. Many have the idea that we can go to Heaven without any work on man's part.
 - 1) This belief is being taught without any Bible authority for such.
 - 2) This concept is often based on **Ephesians 2:8**.
 - a. They believe salvation is a “gift of God” and cannot be tied to works of men.
 - b. We would readily agree that man cannot be saved without God's grace.
 - c. But notice: Grace demands work (**1 Corinthians 15:10**). Faith is connected to man's work (**Hebrews 11:7**).
 - 3. Our lesson today will observe what the Bible teaches about works, and whether works is connected to salvation.

I. GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO WORK.

- A. **Matthew 7:21**.
- B. **Philippians 2:12**.
- C. **James 1:22-25**.
- D. **James 2:17, 24-26**.
- E. **Revelation 22:14**.

II. WE WILL BE JUDGED BY OUR WORKS.

- A. **Romans 2:6**.
- B. **2 Corinthians 5:10**.
- C. **Matthew 25:31-46**.
- D. **John 5:28-29**.

III. WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY OUR WORKS.

- A. Abraham: **James 2:21**.
- B. Rahab: **James 2:25**.
- C. Men: **James 2:24**.

IV. FAITH IS A WORK.

- A. **John 6:29**.
- B. **1 Thessalonians 1:3**.
- C. **2 Thessalonians 1:11**.

V. OUR GOOD WORKS CAN CAUSE OTHERS TO GLORIFY GOD.

- A. **Matthew 5:16**.
- B. **1 Peter 2:12**.

VI. WHICH WORKS ARE WE TO DO?

- A. Not works that men devise (**Romans 10:3; Judges 21:25; Jeremiah 10:23**).
- B. We are to do the works that God has set forth for men to accomplish (**Ephesians 2:8-10**).

VII. CONCLUSION:

- A. We often sing; *To The Work; I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord*.
- B. Obedience to the gospel is a work that the saved must do. However, we can do that work because God made it all possible.