

TO THE WORK.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: Ephesians 2:1-10.

B. Regarding the text:

1. The religious world likes to dismiss works from God's plan of salvation.
2. A popular Ex Christian said that "salvation is wholly of grace and that man does not contribute one whit to his salvation."
3. Ephesians 2:8-9 is used to omit any work on man's part. However, verse 10 is overlooked. God set in place works that men must do so as to be saved.

I. VS. 1 – WE ARE SERVANTS OF GOD

A. To the work, to the work.

1. We are reminded throughout this song that as Christians we are to be busy (**1 Cor. 15:58** "always abounding in the work of the Lord.")
2. Paul commended the brethren in Thessalonica for their "*work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ...*" (**1 Thess. 1:3**).

B. We are servants of God.

1. We are not free to do whatever we want. As servants we are obligated to do what our Master expects of us.
2. Christ is a true example of what a servant is to be (**Luke 19:10; Phil. 2:5-7**).

C. Let us follow the path that our Master has trod.

1. We are not alone in this work. Jesus is "the Way" (**John 14:6**).
2. He set the example (**1 Pet. 2:21**) "follow in His steps." **1 John 2:6** "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." **Acts 10:38** Jesus "went about doing good." He was extremely busy!

D. With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew.

1. Balm means something that is comforting or soothing.
2. The counsel of the Lord can give us comfort and strengthen us as we move forward (**Col. 1:9-11**).

E. Let us do with our might, what our hands find to do.

1. Whatever you do, do it with all of your might. **Eccl. 9:10** "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."
2. **Col. 3:23** "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily..."

II. VS. 2 – LET THE HUNGRY BE FED

A. Let the hungry be fed.

1. **Matthew 5:67** "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."
2. **1 Pet. 2:2** "newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word..."
3. **John 6:35** "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger..."

B. To the fountain of life let the weary be led.

1. **John 6:35** "... and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."
2. **John 7:37** "... If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."
3. O Thou God of compassion, I pray, Let me ever abide in Thy sight; Let me drink of the fount day by day, Till I join Thee in mansions of light.

C. In the cross and the banner our glory shall be, While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"

1. Salvation was made possible in the cross of Christy (**Gal. 6:14** "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.")
2. **Romans 6:23; John 3:16.**

3. We cry out, inviting others to come to Him.

III. VS. 3 – THERE IS LABOR FOR ALL.

A. There is a work for everyone.

1. We ALL have responsibilities to fulfill (**Matt. 9:37** “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”)
2. The Lord depends on each of us to do our part.

B. For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall.

1. A comforting thought. Error will fall and truth will win.
2. **Romans 8:37**.

C. And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be, In the loud swelling chorus, “Salvation is free!”

1. At judgment the saved will rejoice, and God will be praised.
2. For eternity the saved will rejoice because they obeyed the Lord.
3. As we work, God is glorified (**Matt. 5:16**).

IV. THE CHORUS – TOILING ON!

A. *Toiling on...* - Repetition! The song is about working and not giving up.

B. *Let us hope, let us watch, and labor till the Master comes.* Our work produces hope – “confident expectation (**Titus 3:7**), with a watchful eye (**1 Pet. 5:8**), and “labor till the Master comes” (**Rev. 2:10**).

C. This song calls for us to labor – go to work “IN THE VINYARD OF THE LORD.”