

The Gospel of Works

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The Gospel of works is one of the ways that we limit God. Note that focusing on the works of the Law stops the miracles: Gal 3:1 “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”

Hear Holy Spirit speak on this: Gal 5:4 “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified (*made right with God, just as if you had never sinned or ever will sin*) by the (*doing the right things of the*) law; ye are fallen from grace (*the free unmerited gift given by agape-love not based on anything you do to earn it*).” Gal 1:6 “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” Heb 12:15 “Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;” Gal 2:21 “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Rom 11:6 “And if by grace, then [is it] no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if [it be] of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.” Rom 4:6 “Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.” Phm 1:6 “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” 2Cr 13:5 “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates (*useless for bringing the kingdom of God to the earth*)?” Eph 2:8 “For by grace are ye sozo-saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Col 1:21 “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven...” Rom 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness (*being right with God, just as if you had never sinned or ever will sin*) to every one that believeth.”

In the days of kings to fall from grace meant you no longer had the king’s favor, and could even be now called an enemy of the king. Notice that per Gal 5:4 the definition is very different. Here you do not fall from grace by sinning but by thinking that sins, your right actions, control your right standing with God, which is only available by faith in Jesus Christ. So to stay in grace you look at your sin and thank God you are saved by grace and not by your perfect walk. To fall from grace means that you think that you are now justified with God by your lack of sins and/or your abundance of good works. For that way of thinking Holy Spirit says: Gal 5:4 “Christ is become of no effect unto you...” Rom 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.” Falling from grace concerns how you handle sin and evil circumstances when they come, not that you sin or have evil circumstances.

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If we choose law and self righteousness, then that is another gospel and we put ourselves under the gospel of works which has its own built in curse and misses the blessing of God: Jer 17:5 “Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

When we want to see healing or any other grace of salvation, pray but do not trust in your prayers. Put your trust, your confidence, your boldness, your courage in the God, who by His word, has told you He *agape*-loves you and all mankind, as you pray expecting Him to answer because He raised Jesus from the dead.

We fast and pray, we read and study the scriptures to hear God better and to believe Him stronger knowing that it is by faith, and not by our works that He moves. He moves by His word-His covenant promises. Fasting as a work does not move God. It allows us to move closer to God. Father God moves because Jesus, the Living Word, has gone to sit beside Him, that is why God moves in answer to our prayers and commands because Jesus shows the absolute total love and grace God has towards us. We do acts of *agape*-love knowing that these acts are showing God we *agape*-love Him by *agape*-loving His mankind on earth today. John 14:12 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*-ask *as due by covenant promise* in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall *aiteo*-ask *as due by covenant promise* any thing in my name, I will do it.”

Hearing this will provide the faith and confidence (that resists doubts when they come) that brings miracles. The gospel of works gives its immediate reward among men and has no faith, it only believes when it is done. Matt 6:1 “Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.”

The Gospel of grace in Jesus Christ brings the reward of God and believes before it is done. Heb 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” 2 Cor 4:17 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” Rom 4:20 “He (*Abraham*) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God (*in praises, thanksgiving and confessions*); 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform”

The gospel of works has you believing God for what you do, but when you are aware of your sin, or your inability to meet God’s requirements, you lose confidence. This is the message here in 1 John that if we are doing right we can know it by our actions and then have confidence towards God. This doing right then build’s our confidence because this is the faith of a child – based on works and not the blood of Jesus, but as a childish or carnal Christian. In this mere-men faith, if we have not done right then our confidence is broken. 1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not *agape*-love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 *Agape*-Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask *as due by covenant promise*, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”

Notice verse 20 says God is greater than our childish-carnal heart. Un-confessed sin makes us fearful and unworthy in our prayers. Our focus is on us and not God. As long as our trust is in ourselves, we “know” by our fleshly mind that God will not hear us. To be “poor” means we have nothing to offer God. To be broken in spirit means we finally know that there is no way we can compare ourselves to God and His wisdom and we do not fight Him. To be contrite means we are sorry we have nothing to offer God. To trust means we know God is better than us and His goodness is towards us because He says it is, not because we are worthy of it. To be meek means we trust Him to move in our behalf.

That we sin and fail God is not a limitation, but an opportunity to reaffirm our faith in God based on our faith in Jesus. 1 John goes back and forth on this so that we will confess our sins and get rid of that “mental assent” and guilt that comes from faith based on works. We are absolutely to live just like Jesus, but on the way, when we do not, we are required to put our faith in the blood of Jesus so we cannot only do right works but get our brothers and others free from the bondages of sin and death while we are still imperfect ourselves. 1 John 5:11 “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal zoe-life, and this zoe-life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath zoe-life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not zoe-life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal zoe-life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, *as due by covenant promise* we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

And what kinds of things are we to exercise this zoe-life for? 1 John 5:16 “If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask *as due by covenant promise*, and he shall give him zoe-life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.”

The law of works is contrasted against the law of faith this way: Gal 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I zao-live; yet not I, but Christ zao-liveth in me: and the life which I now zao-live in the flesh I zao-live by the faith of the Son of God, who *agape*-loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Here is an amazing condition; Paul has the zoe-life of God in Him, not because of Paul, but because of Jesus. And this zoe-life is active in him as he focuses on the grace of God and not the works of Paul. Gal 2:21 “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Rom 10:4 “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”

And this is why John and Paul say: 1 John 2:2 “And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Rom 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

But to sin is not to walk in *agape*-love, and that is our greatest commandment. 1 John 3:23 “And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and *agape*-love one another, as he gave us commandment.” 1 John 2:3 “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the *agape*-love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

This is why the gospel of works and the gospel of Jesus Christ are in conflict. To overcome you must always be Gal 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of

Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

Because you must turn in faith to God to expect Him to answer prayer (including commands for healing) even when you sin, and that requires overcoming the mind set on flesh and death into the Spirit of Zoe-life. Failure to make that turn keeps you in the flesh and out of walking in *agape*-love and obeying 1 John 5:16, which includes not only feeding and clothing the hungry but Gal 6:1 “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

This contrast of works and faith is what keeps us from producing the miracles of God: Rom 3:27 “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Gal 3:1 “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall zao-live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall zao-live in them. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Notice one main driver in this passage is how you get the Spirit of God in you, per verse 2, “Received ye the Spirit...hearing of faith” and verse 14, “receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.” And the opposite is that if you operate based on your works, you are under a curse! There is no more greater conflict than to either operate under the blessing by faith or the curse by works. Rom 8:4 “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death (*another word for curse*); but to be spiritually minded is zoe-life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” Thus the Christian with their mind set on the flesh and the law of works limits the zoe-life of God to bring salvation to the earth.

So can you do miracles and not walk in holiness? Yes, because as Peter explains miracles come from, not our personal holiness, but our faith in the name of Jesus. Acts 3:12 “And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? ...16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”

And concerning the one who was casting out devils in the name of Jesus and not as disciple: Mark 9:38 “And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 For he that is

not against us is on our part.” Knowing the name of Jesus and having faith in that name produces miracles, not holiness, but sin consciousness destroys faith per 1 John 3:13-22. The issue is to get this word of reconciliation into our hearts so our hearts do not condemn us even when we are not just like Jesus.

This is the essence of the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus. Heb 10:16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and zao-living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto *agape*-love and to good works:”

We are told that while we are to learn all the scriptures, it is the word of grace and not the word of Law that will build us up into what God wants us to be:

Acts 14:3 “Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.”

Acts 20:32 “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Philem 6 “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”

Eph 4:13 “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

So as we learn to grow up into Christ we constantly combat the carnal mind set on the flesh with the mind set on the Spirit of Zoe-Life in Christ Jesus. As we continually glorify God for His grace, as we become more and more aware of the immense magnitude of this grace and the power of the blood of Jesus over sin and the devil, and what it means to be a new creature in Christ Jesus, we will see God move more and His healing released as He desires. This comes from hearing the faith of Jesus and not the evil gospel of works. Gal 3:2 “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

And what is this faith that God confirms with miracles? Gal 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” And this is why Holy Spirit says: Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto soteria-salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall zao-live by faith.”

The core commandments of the New Testament are, not to obey and do everything right as per the law of Moses, but 1 John 3:23 “And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and *agape*-love one another, as he gave us commandment.” So in Acts 2 we see Peter saying he was obeying this when he used the name of Jesus to heal the lame man. We exercise the right faith and Jesus, by His Spirit, does the works.

A key element of the name of Jesus is to know we have remission of sin in His name. Acts 10:43 “To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Luke 24:47 “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” The main repentance in Luke 24:47 is stop thinking that there is any other forgiveness with God except in Jesus and that Jesus is Lord and there is no other.

Remission means purging, obliteration, total removal, total separation or sanctification from sin. Sin is no longer part of you in the new creation. This is the gospel of grace. So the first element of believing in the name of Jesus is that in Jesus all sin and all effect of sin can be commanded to go and the situation healed because Jesus is now Lord, rules as king, and no longer the law of sin and death. Rom 5:16 “And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned *as king by the devil to enforce the law of sin and death* by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign *as a king by Holy Spirit for Jesus* in zoe-life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of zoe-life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” Justification frees us from death and puts zoe-life into us by grace, the gift of God.

What is the law of sin and death? It was first expressed by God in Genesis. Gen 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” It was then repeated by Moses: Lev 18:5 “Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.”

But by Jesus God has now allowed the law of sin and death to be superseded in the new covenant: Rom 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of zoe-life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” Gal 3:11 “But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall zao-live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall zao-live in them.” Heb 8:10 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.”

Well what good is holiness? First holiness is not what you do, but who you are. Holy means separated for the exclusive use of God. When we sin it is the devil manifesting himself into the world. Now God does not sin so when you walk in agreement with God you will not sin and you will walk out the holiness already given you in Jesus. When you are not walking in holiness and you are not looking to the name of Jesus for your righteousness, you are walking in the law of sin and death. When you are

walking in holiness you will be confident you are walking in God and by your works you have confidence in God. This is effective as long as you believe you are sinless. This is part of becoming childlike.

The problem is your standard for sinless behavior has become too small. The standard is to be like God Himself to be sinless. This standard is so pure that no man has met it except Jesus, and it is by faith that God gives us His righteousness through faith in the blood of Jesus. Rom 3:22 “Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

Note in verse 23: the standard is the total and pure glory of God, not some lesser requirement made by men. One bad thought, word or action and you fall short. That is the standard set by God. YOU either have the absolute perfection of God or you are worthy of death. There is no middle ground of some acceptable or “I’m only a human” sin. That is why we need Jesus. 1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the *agape*-love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

So in the matter of adult life where you have multiple opportunities to know you fall short of perfection, your only answer is the blood of Jesus and His work by the cross. Gal 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. ... 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might zao-live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I zao-live ; yet not I, but Christ zao-liveth in me: and the life which I now zao-live in the flesh I zao-live by the faith of the Son of God, who *agape*-loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

We reap the benefits of what could only be accomplished by the death and glorification of Jesus: Gal 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” So to fall from grace is not to sin, but to think that your right works make you right with God.

It is not the gospel of works or achievement, which men often confirm with recognition, awards, diplomas, praise, honor, money and power; but it is the gospel of grace that God confirms. Heb 2:3 “How shall we escape, if we neglect **so great soteria-salvation**; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?” Acts 14:3 “Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the **word of his grace**, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.”

And again: 2 Cor 5:16 “Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all

things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of soteria-salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of soteria-salvation.)”

The writer of 1 John tackles this head on. If you are walking in *agape*-love you will have confidence in God. If you are not perfect then your heart will condemn you, and you will not have confidence unless you get your heart back into the remission of sin in the name of Jesus. So yes, walking in true holiness just like Jesus makes your heart confident in God and you will get answered prayer. The issue is not God but your heart in confidence. 1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not *agape*-love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 *Agape*-Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we *aiteo*-ask-require, demand, expect as due by covenant promise, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and *agape*-love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.”

Notice verse 20, if your heart condemns you, God is greater than your works-confident heart. So get your heart off works and onto the name and the blood of Jesus, and Holy Spirit who dwells in you and you will get answered “*aiteo*-askings.”

Holy Spirit makes the point even stronger as He addresses answered *aiteo*-asking again. 1 John 5:9 “If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal zoe-life, and this zoe-life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath zoe-life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not zoe-life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal zoe-life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we *aiteo*-ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we *aiteo*-ask, we know that we have the petitions that we *aiteo*-desired-required, demanded, expected as due by covenant promise of him.”

And how do we to use this wonderful promise of answered *aiteo*-asking knowing we have zoe-life in the Son by His Spirit? We do it by us working with Him to deliver *agape*-love to others. 1 John 5:16 “If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall *aiteo*-ask, and he shall give him zoe-life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for.”

So you can have faith in the name of Jesus as Lord, faith in the name of Jesus as our remitter of sin, or faith in the zoe-life given by the Son to walk in *agape*-love and delivering zoe-life in acts of power from God such as healing or in feeding (standard or miraculous multiplication) or in clothing and shelter. Or in giving you more worldly resources so you can give to others. Eph 4:28 “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

This is all based on knowing what you are in the new creation of God in Christ Jesus: [Eph 4:21](#) “If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” It is the foundation of your justification from sin and the new creation as your new self identity in Jesus. Renewing your mind will change your heart thus making you a successful mixer of New Testament faith into the earth now.

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