

GRACE AMBASSADORS

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Rotten Apples for Jesus

How God evaluates good works

Purpose:

Teaching us how to identify good works in order to produce them in our daily service to God

Outline:

1. We must judge using God's standard
 - a. Good works - Good for who?
 - b. God sees things differently
 - c. 2 Cor 5:14-15 - we 'were all dead'
 - d. Mark 10:18 - 'there is none good but one'
 - e. Ecc 12:14 - God will bring every work into judgment
 - f. Hebrews 9:27 - in the end we die and face judgment
 - g. Matt 7:20-23 - "good works" lost
2. The worker must be saved - obedient to God
 - a. The Christian monopoly - the 'human good' error
 - b. Romans 3:12 - 'none doeth good'
 - c. Isaiah 64:6-8 - filthy rags
 - d. Proverbs 21:4, 27 - the sacrifice of the wicked is abomination'
 - e. Romans 16:17-19 - by good words and fair speeches deceive
 - f. John 8:44 - The Devil the father of lies
 - g. Romans 6:16 - 'ye are servants of who you choose to serve'
 - h. Haggai 2:11-14 - every work of their hands are unclean
 - i. Titus 1:9-16 - unto good works reprobate
3. The work must be sound in doctrine - it must bear fruit
 - a. Matthew 7:15-20, 12:33-35 - the tree and its fruits
 - b. Mark 7:15; Matt 15:11 - there is nothing outside a man that defileth
 - c. Col 1:9-10 - the knowledge makes us fruitful in every good work
 - d. John 15:8 - God is glorified when you bear fruit
 - e. Eph 2:8-10 - created in Christ unto good works
 - i. 2 Cor 5:17 - 'he is a new creature' (everyone else is dead)
 - f. Titus 2:14, 3:14 - good works for necessary uses
4. Conclusion
 - a. Good works are judged by God's standard:
 - i. who does them - obedient or disobedient
 - ii. what do they bear - what sort is it? 1 Cor 3:10-17
 - b. To produce good works → Get the right equipment in your inner man
 - i. 2 Tim 3:16-17
 - ii. Eph 3:16

"The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?"
- Proverbs 21:27