**Role of Works in Salvation**

**We are unable to do righteous deed in our own efforts**

Isaiah 64:6 - “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.”

**Salvation/Righteousness comes apart from our works**

2 Timothy 1:9 - “who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

Ephesians 2:4-5 – “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved”

Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Romans 4:5 – “And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness”

Romans 4:16 – “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham”

Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith *(past tense)*, we have peace with God *(present tense)* through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Note it does not say, “We WILL be justified, or WILL have peace… it says we are NOW justified, and we NOW have peace with God)

Romans 9:15-16 – “For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” **16**So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.”

**Depending on our works for righteousness will never save us**

Galatians 3:10-11 - For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” **11**Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Galatians 5:4 - You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

**God is the one who makes it possible for us to have good works**

John 15:5 – “Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Philippians 1:6 – “And I am sure of this, that [God] who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 2:13 – “for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

**The Purpose of Good Works**

**-To Glorify God**

Matthew 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

John 15:8 – “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

**-To Show the World that we belong to Christ**

John 13:35 – “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

James 2:18 – “Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

**-To experience blessing that comes through obedience**

John 15:11 – “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

James 1:25 – “But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

**Works come *after* salvation by faith**

Romans 4:10-11 - “How then was [Righteousness] counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. 11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised”

**Salvation can never be lost**

 John 10:28-29 – “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand”

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Summary:

Genuine Faith equal Righteousness that results in works

(Faith = Salvation → Works)

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Faith plus Works makes us Righteousness

(Faith + Works = Salvation)