

Self-Effort vs. Redeemed Effort (Part 3)

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Scriptures:

- Hebrews 10:14
- Philippians 2:12, 13
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- Hebrews 4:10, 11
- Galatians 3:3, *NLT*
- Romans 10:3, *NLT*

Summary:

*Under the law, the people constantly toiled to become righteous through their own efforts. Any blessings they received were conditional and based on their performance; they had to work for God's approval. Under grace, everything has flipped: because of the finished works of Jesus and our faith in them, we're no longer working for righteousness but from righteousness. We can cease Old-Testament self-effort; however, we **still** must make an effort to study the Scriptures, spend time in God's presence, and declare His Word. Everything the people worked for in the Old Testament has now been made available to us, but it's our decision whether or not to participate in Jesus' finished works. When the world pressures us to fall in with its principles, we must make the effort to agree with the salvation God has given us. Believers have moved from getting closer to God by grinding, hard work, and drudgery to simply responding to the nearness we already have with Him.*

Notes:

1. Jesus has done everything necessary for our righteousness; we simply need to receive it.
2. Our perfection, righteousness, and holiness are already done; we don't have to earn them. However, we still must make an effort to deepen our relationship with God and express ourselves through the finished works of Jesus.
3. Salvation is a finished work; we don't have to earn it through self-effort. Now that we have it, we're to work out what God has already worked into us.
4. Aligning ourselves with Jesus' finished works gives us rest; we're at rest when we're in alignment with what Jesus has finished. We mustn't fall back into striving. The devil will try to knock us *out* of alignment.
5. We must believe enough in the finished works of Jesus Christ to want to labor to stay in alignment with them.

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