

Self-Effort vs. Redeemed Effort: The Best Part (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Hebrews 10:14
- Hebrews 10:11-14, *MSG*
- Philippians 2:12, 13
- Hebrews 4:2, 3, 11
- James 5:16
- James 5:16, *NLT*
- Romans 6:17
- Hebrews 8:10
- Romans 1:5
- Romans 16:26
- Galatians 5:4
- Galatians 5:4, *NLT*

Summary:

*Under the covenant of grace, we no longer need to depend on our own efforts to earn God's approval like the people had to do under the law. Because of our belief in Jesus and in His finished works, God has **already** approved of us and declared us righteous. All that remains for us to do now is to respond to what has already been done. As believers, this response is in partnership with the Holy Spirit, who helps us want to please God. The new covenant calls for the effort to stay rooted in grace when everything around us tries to pull us back into performance. Living under grace doesn't mean the absence of labor, but laboring to remain at rest when the devil tries to distract us with the world's doubts, fears, and anxieties.*

Notes:

1. Unlike under the law, we no longer need to work hard to follow rules or earn God's approval.
2. The effort of trying to earn good things from God is now gone. However, the effort to establish and maintain an intimate, personal relationship with God remains.
3. Working out our own salvation doesn't mean working to earn it, but instead living out our lives from the salvation that Jesus has already obtained for us. We can't work out what God hasn't previously put in us.
4. Under grace, all our efforts spring from our belief and are guided by the Holy Spirit, who is our partner.
5. Tips for when you feel as if grace and effort are clashing include praying and obeying.

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