

## Is Faith Without Works Dead? (Part 2)

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### Scriptures:

- Philippians 2:2-4, 12, 13
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- John 3:16
- John 6:40
- Romans 10:13
- Mark 5:33
- Jeremiah 33:9
- 1 John 4:19
- Romans 5:5

### Summary:

*Salvation is something we immediately received when we got born again. As believers, our status as redeemed and ready for heaven is one thing that sets us apart from the world; it's therefore critical that we understand what God's Word of grace says about the relationship between our faith and our works. No striving or self-effort is needed to earn what we now have as God's children. We've been saved because of our faith in God—not because of our own works—and He's working in us to empower us to want to do good deeds pleasing to Him. God first supplies us with everything we need, then starts working **in** us and **through** us. We're efficient and at rest when working out of the supply that God has already placed in us. Operating in His strength, not in ours, enables us to do the work that He wants us to do.*

### Notes:

1. We don't need to work *for* our salvation; we received it immediately when we got born again. Instead, we're to maintain our salvation through our works. Faith gives birth to works.
2. Because of the finished works of Jesus, we don't have to "work out" our salvation through self-effort; it's already done. God had to work something *into* us for it to come *out* of us.
3. Everything we need came from God. Faith that Jesus is our supply spares us from empty works.
4. We're capable of loving God only because He loved us, first. He put this ability in us so that we can work out of this love that He gave us; He first gives us the supply of what we need.
5. God sees faith as an opportunity to go to work for us. We can't depend on our own faith; we need *His* faith.

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