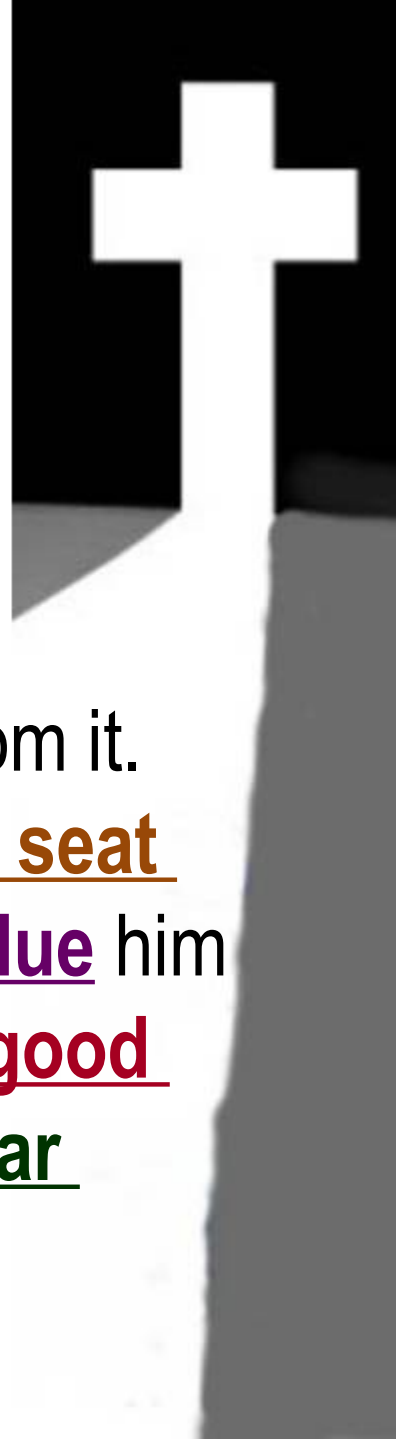




**HOW WE LIVE
MATTERS!**

[Part 1]



2 Corinthians 5:9-11a (NIV)

9So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 11Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, [the terror of the Lord] we try to persuade men ...

Once Saved Always Saved! ?

Do not get entangled
with label!

Clarify - Define -
Let Scriptures Speak for itself!





3 Fundamental Positions Before God



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1. We are saved by grace through faith and we have eternal life forever.

2. We are saved to do good works.

Our good works will determine the rewards or losses both now in this life as well as that which is to come.

3. If we, who have been enlightened, tasted the goodness and the power of God, turn against God i.e. become apostate, we will lose our salvation.

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1. We are saved by grace through faith and we have eternal life forever.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and that not of yourselves;
it is the gift of God, 9 not of works,
lest anyone should boast. **Romans**

6:23





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1. We are saved by grace through faith and we have eternal life forever.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

We perish because of our sins!
Not because we do not believe in Jesus!

3 Fundamental Positions Before God

1. We are saved by grace through faith and we have eternal life forever. **HOW?**

Romans 10:9-10

9that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

John 1:12



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Our Mission

To Share Christ As We Mature In Him

Blood Brothers

Year End CG Cluster Outreaches



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2. We are saved to do good works.

A. The good works we are to do have been pre-ordained by God.

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.



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2. We are saved to do good works.

A. The good works we are to do have been pre-ordained by God.

This is according to our, **[not others]**:

- Personality
- Gifting
- Talents
- Skills
- Experiences



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2. We are saved to do good works.

B. Works involve.



All depending on the Grace of God



3 Fundamental Positions Before God

2. We are saved to do good works.

C. Works determine our rewards or losses.

1 Corinthians 3:8

Now he who plants and he who waters
are one, and each one will receive his own
reward according to his own labor.



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2. We are saved to do good works.

C. Works determine our rewards or losses.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **13** each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what



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1 Corinthians 3:12-15

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.



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2. We are saved to do good works.

D. There are 2 aspects to these good works:

i. Our Person to become like Christ.

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also
predestined
to be conformed to the image of His Son,
that He might be the firstborn among

many brethren



Matthew 16:24-27

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?
Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.





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- ii. Our Purpose in life to be God's Channel of blessing to others.

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Matthew 5:13a, 14a, 16

13You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

14You are the light of the world ...

16Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works and
glorify your Father in heaven.



- D. There are 2 aspects to these good works:
- ii. Our Purpose in life to be God's Channel of blessing to others.

1 Peter 4:10-11

10As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies ...





*Examples of being
God's Channel of
Blessing*

Examples of being God's channel of blessing:

Being kind and
compassionate

Helping a
friend in need

Giving to the poor
and needy

Following up
a new believer

Giving tuition
in Pop-Excel

Giving somebody
a ride in your car

Praying a prayer of blessing
for a particular need

Tidying up the home
for your family

Helping a colleague
in his job

Being a
lovely spouse

Mentoring
someone in BBTC

Volunteering in
BCCSC

Being understanding
parents

Cooking
a meal

A listening ear

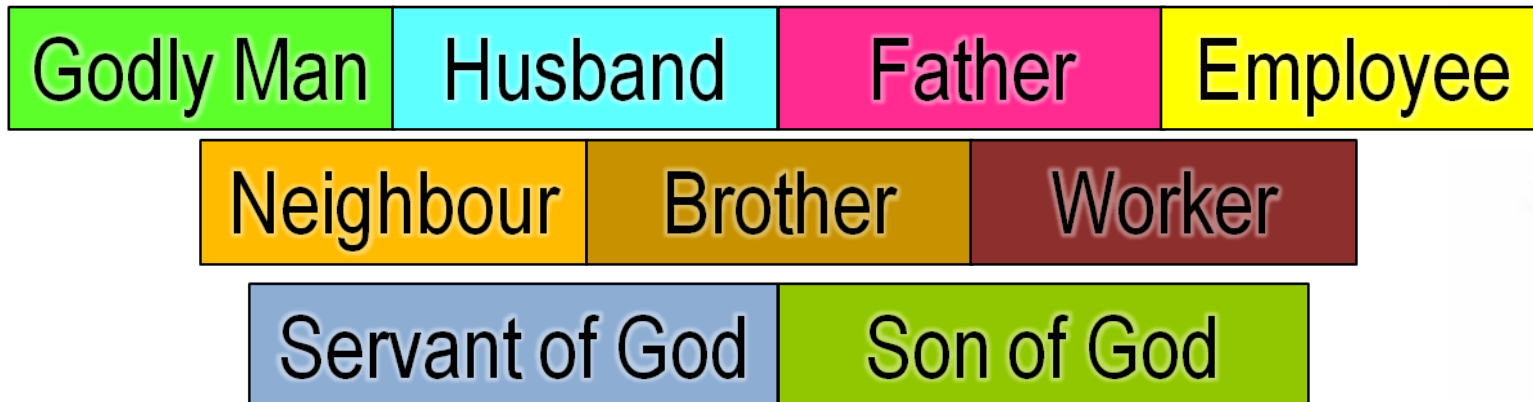
Sharing the Gospel

Serving in a ministry



D. There are 2 aspects to these good works:

- ii. Our Purpose in life to be God's Channel of blessing to others.
 - ✓ Our Purpose and Destiny is our Ministry in life.
 - ✓ It is related to our Roles and Responsibilities.



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3. When we turn apostate, we lose our salvation.

Hebrews 6:4-6

4For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
5and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.



2 Peter 2:20-22

20For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. **21**For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. **22**But it has happened to them according to the true proverb:
“A dog returns to his own vomit,” and,
“a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”



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Hebrews 10:26-27

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.



Hebrews 10:29-31

29Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The LORD will judge His people.”

31It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.





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e.g. 1 - Lucifer and the angels that fell.

[Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28]

e.g. 2 - Nadab, Abihu

[Leviticus 10:1-3]

Titus 1:16 - deny God by the way we live!

Ezekiel 18:24

Revelation 21:8 - fearful, unfaithful

Time
Space

Man
80 years average

LIVE FOR ETERNITY!

Eternal Judgments

Every Word and Deed; Act and Motivation



Conclusion

2 Corinthians 5:11a

Knowing therefore
the terror of the Lord,
we persuade men



Conclusion

1. Have you received Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
2. Are you back-sliding and in danger of straying far?
3. Will you commit to walk with God?
4. Will you commit to serve God to bless others?

