

Grace Saves; Works Reveal

A Study on Grace and Works

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Revelation 20:12-13

Romans 14:12

Ephesians 2:8-9

James 2:26

At first glance, the Bible appears to present two conflicting truths. Revelation 20:12-13 declares that the dead will be judged "according to their works," and Romans 14:12 reminds us that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Yet Ephesians 2:8-9 clearly teaches that salvation is "by grace ... through faith," and "not of works." How can both be true?

The answer lies in understanding that works do not earn salvation; they reveal its reality. We are saved solely by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. No amount of good deeds can purchase forgiveness or secure eternal life. Salvation is God's gift, freely given to those who trust in Christ. However, genuine faith inevitably produces a transformed life. As James wrote, "faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). Good works are not the root of salvation; they are its fruit.

When believers stand before God, the judgement of their works will not determine whether they are saved, but will reveal the authenticity of their faith and the faithfulness of their stewardship. Our deeds testify to what we truly believed, and whom we truly served. Grace opens the door to salvation; works provide the evidence that we have entered through it. Therefore, let us rest confidently in God's grace, while living faithfully in a manner worthy of the calling we have received, knowing that one day we shall each give an account before the Lord.