



The Narrow Way

THE NARROW WAY PART 7 - WORKS OF GOD PT 1

There is no doubt that there are works in Jesus Christ which we are ALL called to accomplish. This is very clear from the Scriptures.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 10:1 "Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."

The questions then are:

1. Whose works are to be accomplished?
2. How are these works accomplished?
3. When are these works to be accomplished?
4. By whom are these works accomplished?

We are going to break the works of God into two parts. The work of "believe," which is a work of fellowship and the work of a physical expression of God, which is the work of function.

The works of God are simply the outcome of being in God. They are the result of us operating in this heavenly divine pattern. We don't need to chase the works or the outcomes. When we operate in Heaven's divine pattern of Fellowship, Faith and Fruitfulness the works become an innate expression of our engagement in this pattern.

We don't even need to talk about or look for the works of God, we will simply be found doing them. This is how beautiful and spiritually innate this divine pattern is.



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Many are found asking what the works are, what their role in them is and how they accomplish them. Those in the Narrow Way (Christ), who are flowing in the divine pattern (Fellowship, Faith and Fruitfulness) are quietly accomplishing the will of the Father without any fuss or fanfare.

As with all aspects of God, it is imperative, when looking at accomplishing God's works, we start at the beginning. With this in mind let's look at what Jesus said the first work of God is.

Part 1: The first work - Believe

John 6:28-29 "Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

The first work of God is to believe.

What does it mean to believe?

Look at the outcome of life to all those who believe in the Scriptures.

John 7:38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

If this is not yet our tangible, living reality, we need to ask ourselves, why not? We must give serious consideration to what it means, from a spiritual perspective, to believe. There is a clear outcome for all those who believe in accordance with the scriptures. The promise is rivers of living water flowing from their inner most being.

This is not a work of function but a work of fellowship or relationship with the Lord. To believe, is not to mentally and verbally agree with who Jesus says He is and His truth, but it is to have a living conviction in the heart through the revelation of the Spirit.



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True spiritual belief through revelation, will cause a manifestation of Christ's life in you which enables a brand-new demonstration of Christ's life through you. When you receive a true, spiritual belief you will never be the same again.

Gone are the days where you say one thing and demonstrate another. When you receive true spiritual belief through the revelation of the Spirit, what you say, and the demonstration of your life, are one and the same. If this is not happening, then there is no true, spiritual belief being received which means there is no true work of God taking place.

This verse clearly indicates what's happening when true belief is taking place.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 "For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe."

1 Thessalonians 1:5 "for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake."

This work of believe, is a work of the formation of Jesus Christ in us. The Word of God which created creation, goes to work on the inside of us and an eternal life is formed through this process.

Galatians 4:19 "My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—"

Through this formational process taking place within us, we believe in who Jesus is and, in the words, which are spirit and life, that He speaks. This enables and empowers us to keep, and become the living demonstration of, His word. We are able to live out what Truth is calling us to.



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Anything less than this is not the work of God which is to believe.

For this formational work of the Word to be occurring in us, we must be hearers of the divine Word. When I say hearing, I mean hearing via the Spirit and not our natural earthly senses. Hearing the Word and hearing words spoken are not the same thing.

Hearing the Word through the Spirit brings and births life, while hearing words spoken through the natural, just brings new information. Information is just that - information, it is not revelation.

Where there is no revelation there is no believing and where there is no believing, there is no life.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it so vital in our relationship with God, that we believe the way it has been testified to in this resource?
2. Why is the first work of God a work of fellowship and not function?
3. Why is it that when it comes to works, most start with the doing question as per John 6:28 above as opposed to the being question?
4. Do you ask the who or the how question first? Share why!
5. Why is spiritual hearing and not natural listening the key to life in Christ in us?

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