

What Is The Place Of Works In The Christian Life?

Does believing in Christ mean that I don't have to do any works in the Christian life? What is the place of works?

Read ***Ephesians 2:8-10***.

God wants us to live obedient, holy lives, but this comes *after* salvation. **Good works are *the product & fruit of* salvation, not *the way of* salvation. Good works are produced in the believer by the Holy Spirit.**

In the epistle of Ephesians, there are nearly 90 commandments that the believer is to obey. These include being humble (Eph. 4:1), longsuffering (Eph. 4:1), putting away lying (Eph. 4:25), putting away anger (Eph. 4:26), not stealing (Eph. 4:28), not speaking any corrupt thing (Eph. 4:29), being kind (Eph. 4:32), forgiving (Eph. 4:32), putting away fornication and uncleanness (Eph. 5:3), having no fellowship with the works of darkness (Eph. 5:11), redeeming the time (Eph. 5:16), understanding God's will (Eph. 5:17), not being drunk (Eph. 5:18), being filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18), wives submitting to their husbands (Eph. 5:22), husbands loving their wives (Eph. 5:25), children obeying their parents (Eph. 6:1-3), fathers training their children and not provoking them to wrath (Eph. 6:4), and many more.

These are some of the works that God wants the believer to obey, but we cannot do these things until first we are saved. We must be reconciled to God through Jesus, forgiven of our sins, and indwelt with the Holy Spirit. Only then can we serve God acceptably.