

## "Being AND Doing"

- Opening Announcements
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Q: What is a "good work"? What makes it "good"? Who or what determines that it's "good"?

Q: Have you ever thought that in order to be loved by God or "saved", then I must DO x, y or z? What's the problem with this?

### **Table Time....**

**READ: Ephesians 2:8-10** "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Q: How are we "saved"?

Q: How do we receive faith?

Q: Do WE do something to receive it?

Q: According to verse 10, WHY does God give us faith?

Q: So what is the relationship between faith and good works?

Q: IF you do a "good work", WHO gets the credit and glory?

**READ: James 2:14-17** "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

Q: What's the argument here?

Q: WHY is this important? What happens if you only have "faith"? What happens if you only have "works"?

**READ: James 2:18-26** "But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham

believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."

Q: According to verse 18, "how" do we "see" true faith?

Q: In this section James uses two examples. Who are they and how did their "works" prove their faith?

Q: WHY did they DO those works?

### **BIG GROUP DEBRIEF...**

Q: What are some takeaways from your Table Time?

Q: What happens if you believe or teach that you are saved by good works?

Q: What happens if you believe or teach it's ALL by grace and neglect good works?

**READ: Psalm 46:10** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Q: In the RLC, Zach uses this verse. Why is "being" still important?

**READ: Isaiah 30:15** "For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Q: What is God saying to us through Isaiah?

**READ: Luke 6:46-49** "46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Q: What's Jesus' point here?

Q: What's the analogy He uses to make His point?

Q: How can we "build our house on the rock"?

### **APPLICATION:**

Q: What's ONE way you will BOTH "BE" and "DO" this week?