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AM - BEN WRIGHT - HINDRANCES TO RESTORATION

PM - BEN WRIGHT - THE TRAGEDY OF LOST POTENTIAL

**GOSPEL MEETING AT SIXTH AVENUE APR 10-13**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN APR 17-19**

**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- 2 SAMUEL 18-19; MON- 20-22; TUE- 23-24; WED- 1  
KINGS 1-2; THUR- 3-5; FRI- 6-7; SAT- 8; SUN- 9-11**

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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OBSTACLES TO RESTORATION

(Jeremiah 6:16)

- I. \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. We know this to be one of the three main avenues of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:15).
  - B. Pride comes forth from an evil \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 7:21-23).
  - C. It rears its head in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ **towards those outside of Christ.**
- A. It is sad to think, but there are those Christians who look down on the lost because the lost don't have the \_\_\_\_\_ of scripture they have.
  - B. They believe that no one wants to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
  - C. When this attitude takes control, \_\_\_\_\_ dies.
  - D. Evangelism is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a congregation.
- III. A \_\_\_\_\_ **attitude.**
- A. Unity is something for which Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17) and we all should \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:3).
  - B. However, there are those that simply have to have there \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Also, there are those who thrive on \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Restoration cannot take place where there is no \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - B. Christians who don't know God's word cannot bring it into the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who don't know God.
  - C. Preachers who don't study and bring what they don't know into the pulpit \_\_\_\_\_ restoration.
- V. **No thought for past** \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Christians of the past went through the same \_\_\_\_\_ we face today.
  - B. If we are not aware of the past history of God's people then we will make the same \_\_\_\_\_ they made.
- VI. **Being satisfied with the** \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. There are those who are simply happy with what we have and become \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. They focus so much on \_\_\_\_\_ things that there no \_\_\_\_\_ actions for the lost.
- VII. **An attitude of compromise.**
- A. We are at \_\_\_\_\_ whether we like it or not (1 Peter 5:8).
  - B. Willingness to compromise on issues of doctrinal matters leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ of the restoration movement, not a \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
  - C. To compromise with Satan is to die \_\_\_\_\_.

**ARE WORKS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BE SAVED?**

**Mark Lindley**

The Bible answer to the question of this article is very clear. The Scriptures teach that the “basis” or “grounds” of salvation is the grace of God: “For by grace are ye saved....not of works lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Notice from this passage that salvation is by “grace.” Grace is often defined as “the unmerited favor of God.” There is nothing a sinner could do to earn or merit the grace of God. God loves the world, and because of His infinite and marvelous love He sent His Son to die for the sins of humanity (Titus. 2:11; John 3:16). Without God’s grace, all the works a sinner might do could never save. The “basis” of salvation is not works.

Does that mean that “all” works are excluded from the plan of salvation? Are “any” works required in order for a sinner to be saved? Must a sinner “do” anything to be saved from sin? Let the Bible speak. The Bible teaches that grace is the “basis” of salvation; however, God’s grace does not cancel out man’s obligation to obey.

If “all” works are excluded and there is nothing that a sinner must “do” to be saved, then believing in Christ is excluded from the plan of salvation. Those who believe the Bible cannot successfully deny that believing in Christ is something that “man” must “do” to be saved. “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10). Who is it that “believeth unto righteousness?” It is “man.” Therefore, we have now identified from the Bible something that “man” (not God) must do to be saved.

In addition, if no “work” is required in order for a sinner to be saved, then believing in Jesus is not required because believing in Jesus is a “work.” The Lord Himself said, “This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent” (John 6:29). Please notice that Jesus referred to “belief” as a “work,” and, keep in mind that we have established from the Bible that belief is something “man” must do (Romans 10:10). Therefore, if it is true that no works are required in order for a sinner to be saved, then belief is not required.

But belief “is” required (John 3:16; 8:24; 20:30-31; Acts 16:31). Consequently, there is something that a sinner must “do” in order to be saved because believing is “doing” something.

Now, I am sure we can all see that believing in Jesus does not cancel out God’s grace. Therefore, we should be able to understand that other conditions for salvation....repentance and baptism for example....do not cancel out God’s grace either. Rather, it is by obedience to the Gospel that a sinner receives the grace of God and is saved. The grounds of salvation is the grace of God. The means by which a sinner receives God’s grace is obedience to the Gospel (Acts 2:37-38).