

Living by Grace Series

Hebrews 10:24-25 "Good Works and the Final Day"

Main Idea: In Christ Jesus, the fulfillment of the final day has arrived in some sense; what are the implications of that in regards to the good works of the believer?

- 1) Christ Jesus has finished the good work of our salvation loving God and neighbor as we ought to have done as well as dying a substitutionary death for sinners in the loving mercy and compassion of grace. Believers come to good works through the reception and adoration of God's beautiful character in the holiness/righteousness/goodness/grace of the Son for us.
- 2) The good works of believers glorify God because, through faith, they are but the reflection of the Son's perfect fulfilled righteousness on their behalf. They are the imperfectly diffused rays of the perfect Son of our righteousness. God asserts in them the vindication/fulfillment of His perfect love in Christ; the new man/last Adam.
- 3) God reveals in the good works of believers the nature of entering God's eschatological day, namely, the rest of entering divinely ordained and fulfilled works through God's good gifts. As Adam was supposed to enter God's good creation gifts and live out their delightful and worshipful calling, Jesus has finished them on our behalf for us to receive them by grace.
- 4) Good works in love reflecting the image of God was the vocation or calling of the 1st Adam as well as the vocation of God's redeemed people. As God seeks and accomplishes the good of mankind in creation/redemption fulfillment, believers enter into the holy vocation of serving mankind/neighbor by seeking and working for their good/benefit both earthly as well as eternal.
- 5) Good works in love as vocation can only be lived in community, hence, the assembling of the church as those called to participate in God's relational bond within His triune being. Believers are drawn into the riches of God's triune perfect bond of love in a community that receives and shares in such love forever through Christ.
- 6) Good works in the midst of trials manifest the victory of a faith that seeks, awaits, and anticipates a perfected, completed, glorious and unshakable eternal Kingdom/New Creation. The final day has overtaken us now by communicating and manifesting the victory of Christ amid the trials and tribulations that remain in the old passing age.