

The background features a light blue to white gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

GOOD WORKS & JUSTIFICATION

ROM. 4:9-12

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- **What precedes salvation?**
- **Where do works fit in?**
- **Do I need to get circumcised and become a Jew first?**

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Justification:

- A legal term
- From the courtroom
- A declaration of not guilty | righteous!
- A declaration **ahead** of time!
- A declaration of righteousness **in / because of Christ!**

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4 possibilities: (all are shorthand / summaries)

- Works → salvation
- Faith + works → salvation
- Faith → salvation → necessary good works
- Faith → salvation → no inevitable good works

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Several words in English that may be used to describe Christ's righteousness being put on our account:

Counted	Accounted
Reckoned	Impute(d)
Credited	
Romans 3:28; 4:3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11	

1. Works → salvation

- This is **not** and has **never** been a “Christian” option – nor an option for Jewish, OT believers.
- Even the Judaizers of Paul’s day did not espouse this view.
- There are many religions that do espouse this viewpoint!

1. Works → salvation

Judaizers espoused the next view:

Faith (in Christ) + works!

Acts 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, **Except** ye be circumcised after the manner of **Moses, ye cannot be saved.**

1. Works → salvation

Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, **saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.** **Acts 15:6** And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. **Acts 15:7** And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

1. Works → salvation

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; **Acts 15:9** And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. **Acts 15:10** Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? **Acts 15:11** But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

2. Faith (in Christ) + good works → salvation!

This is of course, the primary opposition to the Gospel!

1st century Judaizers:

Faith in Christ + circumcision + keeping the Laws of Moses (& cultural laws) → salvation

Basically: if you want to get saved → become a Jew!

Were you actually justified?

Salvation becomes a process!



2. Faith (in Christ) + good works → salvation!

Romans 4:9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the **circumcision** only, **or** upon the **uncircumcision** also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Romans 4:10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? **Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.**

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

By grace alone

Through faith alone

In Christ alone

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Ephesians 2:8 For **by** grace are ye saved **through** faith; and that **not** of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

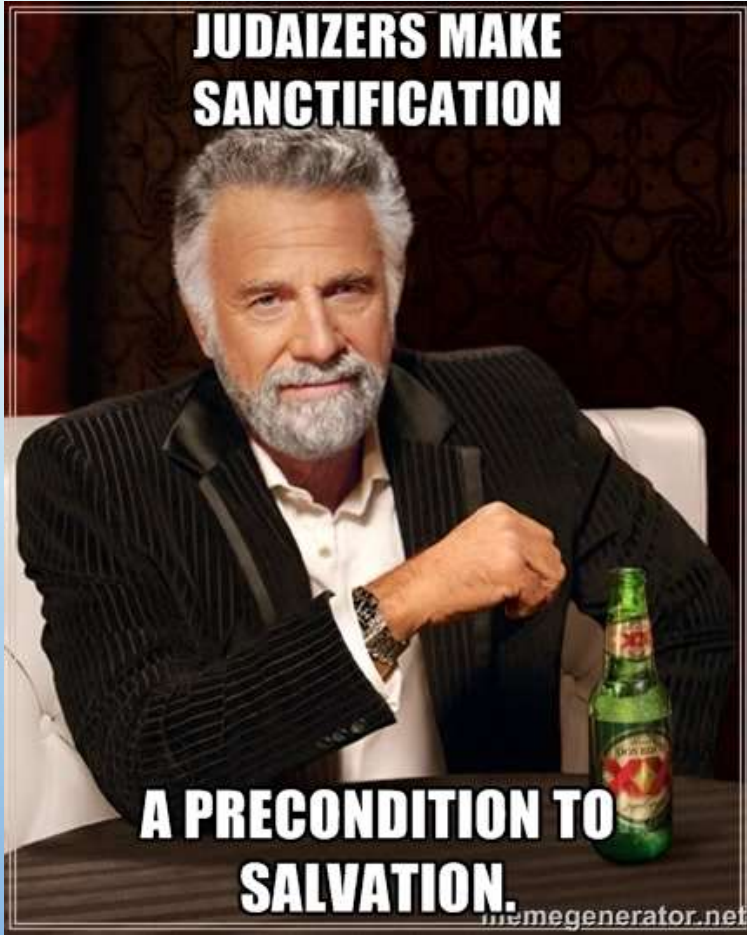
Ephesians 2:9 **Not** of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:10 **For** we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Romans 4:11 And he received the sign (σημεῖον) of circumcision, a seal (σφραγίδα) of the righteousness of the faith which he had **yet being uncircumcised**: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Romans 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, **which he had being yet uncircumcised.**



**JUDAIZERS MAKE
SANCTIFICATION**

**A PRECONDITION TO
SALVATION.**

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Circumcision for the Jewish believers was very important!

A Sign:

- Pointing back to his (Abraham's) salvation
- Not the thing itself, but a **sign** of the thing itself

A Seal:

- As an act of obedience
- A physical act
- Circumcision confirmed / sealed the seriousness of being a believer!
- Skin in the game – so to speak

[Plus, an identity marker as Jewish & a member of the nation]

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Thoughts:

- **Every age has good works**
- **Good works that **follow** salvation &/ **flow out of** salvation.**
- **Good works **after** salvation**
- **Good works that do not save**
- **Good works that confirm God has **already** saved us!**
- **Obviously, different good works...**
- **In this age: baptism, the Lord's Supper, following Christ, obeying Scripture**

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Matthew 28:19 **Go** ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.**

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Acts 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Acts 16:32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

Acts 16:34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

3. Faith → salvation → good works!

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

4. Faith → Salvation → no necessary good works.

This simply does **NOT** exist in any age.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, **and** they follow me:

John 14:15 **If** ye love me, keep my commandments.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore **if** any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

4. Faith → Salvation → no necessary good works.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

4. Faith → Salvation → no necessary good works.

Titus 3:5 **Not** by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Titus 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful **to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Titus 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

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Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Psalm 128:1 Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; That walketh in his ways.