

To a believer no law is given by which he becomes righteous before God...because he is alive and righteous and saved by faith, and he needs nothing further except to prove his faith by works. Truly, if faith is there, he cannot hold back: he proves himself, breaks out into good works.

Martin Luther

We are not made righteous by doing righteous deeds; but when we have been made righteous we do righteous deeds.

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Genuine faith must go beyond the mere intellectual assent concerning biblical doctrines. People must let the implications of these doctrines radically affect their hearts so that they respond positively to God with the obedience and works of faith.

Daniel Fuller

The truth is that, though we were justified by faith alone, the faith that justifies is never alone; it always produces fruit, "good works," a transformed life.

J.I. Packer

A man's real belief is that which he lives by. What a man believes is the thing he does, not the thing he thinks.

George MacDonald

The heir of heaven serves his Lord simply out of gratitude; he has no salvation to gain, no heaven to lose; ... now, out of love to the God who chose him, and who gave so great a price for his redemption, he desires to lay out himself entirely to his Master's service . . .The child of God works not *for* life; he does not work *to be* saved, he works *because* he is saved.

C.H. Spurgeon

Faith and works are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith.

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Pray that thy last days, and last works may be the best; and that when thou comest to die, thou mayest have nothing else to do but die.

Vavasor Powell

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Kids Notes

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- When we use the word "living" we are talking about:
 - the things we do; the actions of our lives.
 - doing good things that please and honor Jesus Christ.
 - the ways our lives "show off" our Savior.
 - all of the above.
- Paul told the Corinthians that they should:
 - Fear the Lord before whom they would stand one day.
 - Love the Lord who rescued them through His death.
 - be "ambassadors" representing Jesus Christ.
 - all of the above.
- The greatest purpose you can find in life:
 - is to follow Jesus, and obey him joyfully.
 - is to be a professional athlete.
 - is to become rich and famous.
 - all of the above

For Family Discussion: What do you think it means to be a "new creation" (see: 2 Corinthians 5:17)?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

LIVING _____	TOTAL: _____
GOOD WORKS _____	_____
FEAR _____	_____
LOVE _____	_____
RESCUE _____	_____
LIFE-OLGY _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

THEOLOGY LIVING GOOD WORKS FEAR LOVE RESCUE GRACE SIN
 LIFEOLGY DEEDS SHINE LIFE MATTERS PLEASING CHRIST GOD
 MANIFEST APPEARANCE HEART PROUD AFFLICTION SUFFERING
 MUSIC JOY PEACE NORTHPOINT WASTE

E A P P E A R A N C E L I F E N S
 Z C P B Y E V X S N U Q Y P G O D
 E L A R L G Q A I N S W W N Q R E
 R R G R T N O H F E T S A W U T E
 E A O I G I S L L F W I G O S H D
 S E D N I S P I O L L D U E M P M
 C F M H X A F R R E L I F Z N O U
 U G N I R E F F U S H I C G Y I S
 E S J L O L M C P E N T V T E N I
 S O I L M P H E V A P D N I I T C
 Y Z O N X R A O M S K R O W N O M
 D G O Y I C L D A P G J O O J G N
 Y V U S E D X X C C Q D H U G Y H
 A M T G T H M T Y A R J R G D C C
 Z J W M A T T E R S H E A R T N R