

God Only Honors What God Does

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God only honors what God does which is the fruit of His very own good pleasure. God has no good pleasure in anything that doesn't include Christ, for Christ is the Word made flesh. God is only pleased by Faith, and Faith is only experienced through The Word of God, who is God. God alone performs His Word because He alone can reveal Himself, which is exactly what He is doing every time Faith comes.

God Only Honors What God Does

God does not honor the works of men that originate from the strength, wisdom, or will of the flesh. What God honors is what He Himself has performed. God speaking is God being able to perform His good counsel when the heart of man believes that which He has spoken. The result is God's good pleasure being carried out. When the Lord looks upon His people, He is pleased only with that which has been produced by His Spirit through Faith in His Son.

Psalm 127:1

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

This reveals a foundational truth which is if the Lord is not the One doing the work, the work has no eternal value.

The Fruit of God's Good Pleasure

The only fruit that brings pleasure to God is the fruit that comes through His Son and His Spirit. Anything that does not include Christ cannot be pleasing to God because Christ is the very expression of God Himself.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Romans 11:36

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Christ is the Word of God manifested, and therefore every work that God acknowledges must be connected to Him.

God Has No Pleasure Outside of Christ

The Father's pleasure is centered entirely in His Son.

Matthew 3:17

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

God's pleasure does not originate in human effort, religious activity, or moral improvement. His pleasure is in Christ alone, and therefore only those things that come through Faith in Christ can be acceptable to Him.

Faith Is the Only Way to Please God**Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please him.

Faith is not Belief in religious concepts, but Biblical Faith is trust in the revelation of God through His Word, and ultimately that Word is Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is experienced through hearing the Word, believing the Word, and resting in what God has declared through Christ and His sacrifice.

God Alone Performs His Word

God does not ask men to accomplish His promises. He performs them Himself

Jeremiah 1:12

I will hasten my word to perform it.

The Lord fulfills His Word because only He can reveal Himself, and only He has the power to accomplish His will. Man's role is not to produce the work but to believe the One who performs it. Remember Noah, as you might think that Noah built the ark, and you would be right, but not fully right. The Lord built the ark by the Grace that He found in God's eyes. The Grace He found in God's eyes was the will of God and with it came the wisdom, strength and knowledge of God for the ark to be built. If The Lord build not the ark, Noah's building would have been a waste of time.

Genesis 6:8

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Psalms 127:1

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

As we continue through this study, we are going to see that God alone performs His Word. God alone reveals Himself through His Word. God alone produces the fruit that pleases Him, and He does all of this through Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, as Believers trust in Him.

Therefore, the only works God honors are the works He Himself performs through those who believe in His Son.

God Only Honors What God Does

If God only honors what He Himself performs, then it becomes clear that the Christian life is not about man producing something for God, but about God producing His work in and through those who trust Him. The Psalmist declared that The Lord would be the One perfecting that which concerned him.

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me.

This reveals that the Lord Himself brings to completion the things that concern His people. What God begins, God finishes.

Grace Is God at Work

If God alone performs what He honors, then grace must be understood as God Himself working. Grace is not merely a description of God's kindness; it is the active working of God in the Believer through the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Paul makes it clear that the labor was not truly his own doing. It was God's grace working in him.

God Is His Word

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Because God is His Word, everything God does is perfectly consistent with what He has spoken. His character, His will, and His actions are never separated from His Word. And since God does not change, His Word and His work remain perfectly faithful.

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I change not.

When man attempts to change God's Word, he is attempting to change the unchangeable God

The Word Became Flesh to Redeem Humanity

God did not merely speak Redemption; He became the Redeemer.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Through Jesus Christ, God entered humanity so that fallen humanity could be brought back to Him through the Sacrifice of the Cross. This Redemption was not simply about forgiveness. It was about restoring humanity to the place where God could once again work His will in them.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Restored to God's Good Pleasure

Through Christ's Redeeming work, Believers are brought back into the place where God performs His good pleasure in them.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The willing and the doing both originate from God through the Cross of Christ, for there is one thing God calls the good work which He is working in His people to be able to transform their will and their doing into that of His good pleasure. What is that one thing? What is that good work?

THAT GOOD WORK

Philippians 1:5-6

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath **begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**

WHAT THAT GOOD WORK IS

2 Corinthians 4:11-12

11 For **we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake**, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then **death worketh in us, but life in you.**

Remember that the transformation of our will and our doing is for the purpose of working out our own Salvation, therefore our God has to work in us that which He did to Save us. How can we work out our own Salvation if God is

not working that Salvation in us, which is the death of Jesus? Thus, we have a daily Cross.

Philippians 2:12

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

Luke 9:23

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

The Believer's role is Faith, which is trusting the Lord who did the work and continues to perform "this" work in us and allowing "this" work to be performed in us and to bring about God's desired fruit.

According to His Counsel

God's work is never random. Everything He performs flows from His eternal counsel.

Isaiah 46:10

My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

From the beginning, God determined that Redemption and Restoration would come through His Son.

I hope we are beginning to see that God only honors what God does as His grace is God at work. God is His Word, and His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. Through the Cross of Christ, humanity can be restored to the place where God works His good pleasure according to His eternal counsel in and through them as all of this is experienced through Faith in Christ and His finished work at Calvary.

God the Doer of His Word

The Scriptures reveal that the Word of God is God Himself. God and His Word cannot be separated because His Word is the very expression of who He is.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Because the Word is God, it carries the same unchanging nature as God Himself.

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I change not.

This means that what God has spoken remains forever settled in His character and His counsel.

Psalm 119:89

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

His Word is not merely instruction for men to attempt to perform in their own strength. His Word is the revelation of who God is and what God Himself is doing and will do. The Scriptures also teach that Faith comes through hearing His Word.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

When Faith comes through hearing the Word, it reveals something very important: Faith is the means by which we allow God to perform His own pleasure in our lives. Faith is not merely agreement with Scripture; it is trusting the One

who spoke it. This shows that what pleases God is not primarily human effort, but belief in what He has spoken.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him.

When we believe God's Word, we are placing our trust in God Himself, and this opens the door for Him to accomplish His will in us. Remember that it is God who performs His Word.

This does not mean that Believers are not called to obey the Word

James 1:22

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

However, even our doing is not meant to originate from our own strength or ability. The deeper truth revealed in the Scriptures is that God Himself is the True Doer of His Word in the lives of those who believe Him. Jesus made this very clear.

John 15:5

Without me ye can do nothing.

This statement removes all confidence in human ability. It reveals that apart from Christ we are incapable of producing anything that pleases God. When Believers trust Christ and His Word, the Spirit of God works within them to bring forth the fruit that God desires.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Therefore, the Christian life is not primarily about us striving to perform God's Word in our own strength. It is about believing God's Word so that God Himself performs His Word through us. In this way, glory always belongs to Him, because the work is truly His. Faith believes His Word and there, Grace is God found at work. And the fruit that pleases God is the fruit God Himself produces in those who trust Him.



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