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PART 10 - GOOD WORKS GOD PREPARED

In resource number 9, we looked at the fact that it's not enough to say you have faith and not have a corresponding work that is associated with this faith. Faith and works are never to be separated.

Here are 2 verses I want us to pick up on.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

What we can see from this is that faith in Jesus Christ is not a stand alone reality. It's about faith outworking itself through love, in the form of a tangible action and demonstration, called a work of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

Anything less than this is just our form of godliness or our version of God. It's ultimately a counterfeit and a false reality, which we believe to be true, because it somehow brings us into a form of contentment and satisfies our flesh, making us feel worthy.

There is this divine eternal connection between all the elements of God, and faith and works are no different.

Out of true biblical or Scriptural faith comes spirit centred, led and empowered works, which God has prepared beforehand for us all to walk in, and we must be in the abiding life of Christ, called fellowship, to discover what these works are.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

The key to all this is recognising that it is not ANY WORK, but works that the Father has prepared beforehand, for us all to walk in. This leads us then to ask the question of ourselves, "what are these good works which we are to walk in by faith?"

It's important to note that the first work of God comes from our fellowship in and with God. This comes from being His workmanship. Our very lives are to be the expression of His workmanship, His labour and not ours, for He is the builder of the church, not us.

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In other words the first work isn't a "doing" reality but a "being" reality.

Q. What is this first work?

Q. How does this first work affect every other work?

Once we know what the first work of the Father through our fellowship or oneness with Him is, what now becomes the next work by faith which God has prepared for us to walk in before the foundations of the earth?

A wee hint for us is that it is the first instruction and the most important instruction God gives us in relation to our marriage covenant with Him.

Q. Describe the kind of love we are to love God with.

Out of this second work by faith comes the third work by faith which has been prepared beforehand for us to walk in.

Q. What is this third work by faith we are to walk in?

Hopefully we are starting to see the eternal pattern and the order to which all things are to flow from by faith, when it comes to doing everything God's way. Living in the narrow way will ensure that we all receive and come into the life we are all promised in Christ. This way will ensure that every work is done by faith through love, proving itself a work of gold when tested by God's fire at our judgment seat.