

Works ?

Romans 4:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

James 2:14–24 (NKJV)

¹⁴ What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

The scripture was fulfilled because Abraham did something he obeyed

Hebrews 11:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Abraham obeyed with the purpose of God in mind. Dwelling in tents knowing that this life was temporal

John 6:26–29 (NKJV)

²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **you seek Me**, not because you saw the signs, but **because you ate of the loaves and were filled**.

²⁷ Do not labor for the food which perishes, **but for the food which endures to everlasting life**, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

(John 4:32–34 (NKJV) ³² But He said to them, “**I have food to eat of which you do not know.**” ³³ Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**”)

²⁸ Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**”

John 6:53–58 (NKJV)

⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

Jesus (his word) as the object of our faith is what sustains our inward being in this life as natural food sustains our outward body

John 15:3–11 (NKJV)

³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ **Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.** ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.** ⁹ “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments,

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you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 8:30–32 (NKJV)

³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

¹ John 5:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?