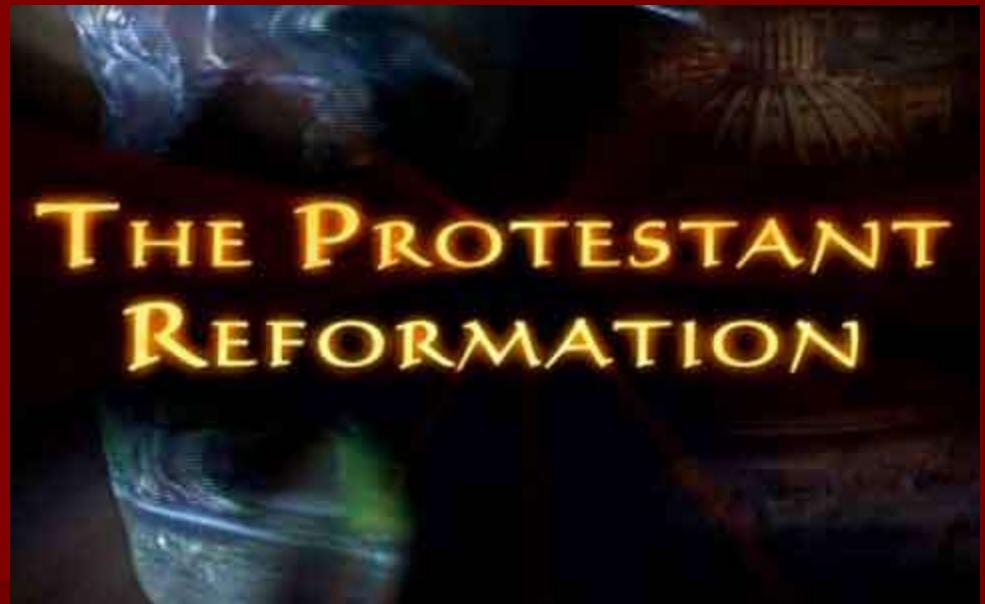
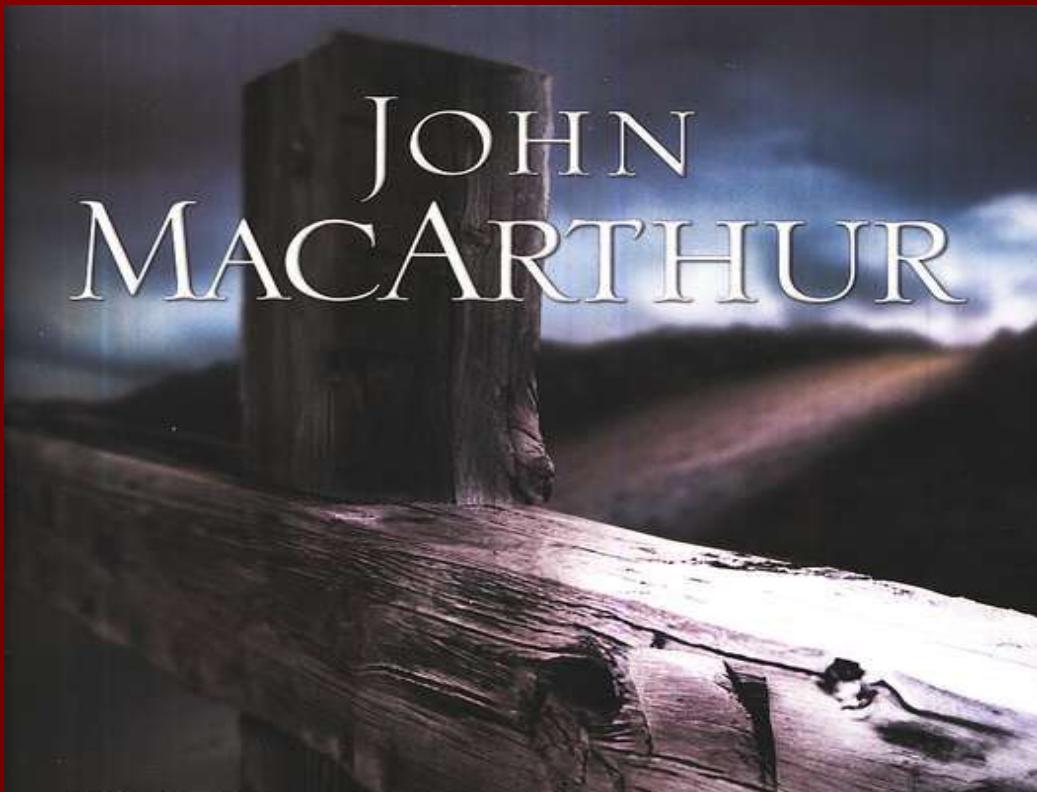


Faith and Works





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- Colossians 2:16-19 - *Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day — 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.*
- Colossians 2:16-19 (LBLA) *¹⁶ Por tanto, que nadie se constituya en vuestro juez con respecto a comida o bebida, o en cuanto a día de fiesta, o luna nueva, o día de reposo; ¹⁷ cosas que sólo son sombra de lo que ha de venir, pero el cuerpo pertenece a Cristo. ¹⁸ Nadie os defraude de vuestro premio deleitándose en la humillación de sí mismo y en la adoración de los ángeles, basándose en las visiones que ha visto, hinchado sin causa por su mente carnal, ¹⁹ pero no asiéndose a la Cabeza, de la cual todo el cuerpo, nutrido y unido por las coyunturas y ligamentos, crece con un crecimiento que es de Dios.*

Faith Saves Us

- John 3:14-18 - "*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*"
- John 3:14-18 (LBLA) *14 Y como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así es necesario que sea levantado el Hijo del Hombre, 15 para que todo aquel que cree, tenga en El vida eterna. 16 Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que cree en El, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. 17 Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo al mundo para juzgar al mundo, sino para que el mundo sea salvo por El. 18 El que cree en El no es condenado; pero el que no cree, ya ha sido condenado, porque no ha creído en el nombre del unigénito Hijo de Dios.*

■ Romans 1:16-17 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."*

■ Romans 1:16-17 (LBLA) *16 Porque no me avergüenzo del evangelio, pues es el poder de Dios para la salvación de todo el que cree; del judío primeramente y también del griego. 17 Porque en el evangelio la justicia de Dios se revela por fe y para fe; como está escrito: MAS EL JUSTO POR LA FE VIVIRÁ.*

- Romans 3:28 - ***For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.***
- Romans 3:28 (LBLA) ***28 Porque concluimos que el hombre es justificado por la fe aparte de las obras de la ley.***
- Romans 5:1 - ***Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...***
- Romans 5:1 (LBLA) ***1 Por tanto, habiendo sido justificados por la fe, tenemos paz para con Dios por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,***

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (LBLA) 8 *Porque por gracia habéis sido salvados por medio de la fe, y esto no de vosotros, sino que es don de Dios;* 9 *no por obras, para que nadie se gloríe.*

The Faith that Saves us is an Active, Obedient Faith.

- **Reactionary theology**
- *The story is told of a man who came eagerly but very late to a revival meeting and found the workmen tearing down the tent in which the meetings had been held. Frantic at missing the evangelist, he decided to ask one of the workers what he could do to be saved. The workman, who was a Christian, replied, "You can't do anything. It's too late." Horrified, the man said, "What do you mean? How can it be too late?" "The work has already been accomplished," he was told. "There is nothing you need to do but believe it.",*

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- Acts 2:38 and 2:41
- Matthew 28:18 –
- Matthew 7:21 - "***Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.***"

■ In Matthew 7:24-27 He said, "*Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall.*"

■ Romans 6:17-18 - ***"But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."***

■ Romans 6:17-18 (LBLA) - ***17 Pero gracias a Dios, que aunque erais esclavos del pecado, os hicisteis obedientes de corazón a aquella forma de doctrina a la que fuisteis entregados; 18 y habiendo sido libertados del pecado, os habéis hecho siervos de la justicia.***

- Hebrews 5:9 - "*And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation...*
- Hebrews 5:9 (*LBLA*) 9 *y habiendo sido hecho perfecto, vino a ser fuente de eterna salvación para todos los que le obedecen,*

- James 2:17 - "*Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.*"
- James 2:17 (LBLA) *Así también la fe por sí misma, si no tiene obras, está muerta.*

- James 2:24 "You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone."
- James 2:24 (LBLA) *Vosotros veis que el hombre es justificado por las obras y no sólo por la fe.*
- James 2:26 - "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."
- James 2:26 (LBLA) *Porque así como el cuerpo sin el espíritu está muerto, así también la fe sin las obras está muerta.*

Works are Involved in the Faith that Saves.

- But we must define "works"
- There are ***works of the flesh***, as mentioned in Galatians 5:19-21
- There are ***works of Satan***, mentioned in 1 John 3:8
- There are ***works of the law*** - Romans 3:20 - ***"by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight."***

- There are ***works of human merit***
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Works of obedient faith

- Galatians 5:6 - "***For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.***"
- Galatians 5:6 (LBLA) ***Porque en Cristo Jesús ni la circuncisión ni la incircuncisión significan nada, sino la fe que obra por amor.***

- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 - "*We give thanks to God always for all of you... constantly bearing in mind your work of faith....*"
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (LBLA) *2 Siempre damos gracias a Dios por todos vosotros, haciendo mención de vosotros en nuestras oraciones; 3 teniendo presente sin cesar delante de nuestro Dios y Padre vuestra obra de fe, vuestro trabajo de amor y la firmeza de vuestra esperanza en nuestro Señor Jesucristo;*

- Romans 1:5 - "...we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles."
- Romans 15:8 Paul said that his ministry had resulted in "the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed...."
- Romans 16:26 Paul said the gospel had been "made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith...."

- (v. 4) "By faith Abel **offered** to God a better sacrifice..."
- (v. 5) "By faith Enoch...was **pleasing** to God."
- (v. 6) "By faith Noah **prepared** an ark..."
- (v. 8) "By faith Abraham **obeyed by going...**"
- (v. 23) "By faith Moses' parents **hid** him for three months..."
- (v. 24) "By faith Moses **refused** to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter..."

To believe is called a “Work”

- John 6:27-29 (NASB) **27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." 28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so 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 has sent."**
- John 6:27-29 (LBLA) **27 Trabajad, no por el alimento que perece, sino por el alimento que permanece para vida eterna, el cual el Hijo del Hombre os dará, porque a éste es a quien el Padre, Dios, ha marcado con su sello. 28 Entonces le dijeron: ¿Qué debemos hacer para poner en práctica las obras de Dios? 29 Respondió Jesús y les dijo: Esta es la obra de Dios: que creáis en el que El ha enviado.**

Repentance and Baptism are Works of Faith.

- Acts 2:38 when asked about salvation, said,
"Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 2:38 (LBLA) 38 *Y Pedro les dijo: Arrepentíos y sed bautizados cada uno de vosotros en el nombre de Jesucristo para perdón de vuestros pecados, y recibiréis el don del Espíritu Santo.*

- Mark 16:16 - "***He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.***"
- Mark 16:16 (LBLA) 16 ***El que crea y sea bautizado será salvo; pero el que no crea será condenado.***

- Acts 22:16, said to Paul who had been praying for three days that he must *"arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."*
- 1 Peter 3:21 - *"Baptism now saves you."*
- *"an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Christ"*

- Colossians 2:11-12 (NASU) ***11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.***
- Colossians 2:11-12 (LBLA) ***11 en El también fuisteis circuncidados con una circuncisión no hecha por manos, al quitar el cuerpo de la carne mediante la circuncisión de Cristo; 12 habiendo sido sepultados con El en el bautismo, en el cual también habéis resucitado con El por la fe en la acción del poder de Dios, que le resucitó de entre los muertos.***

■ Romans 6:5-7 (NASB)- *5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.*

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