

## Introduction:

There are different works in the Bible. Some are condemned, and some are praised. So, I thought a lesson on “work” would be good. However, this created a slight problem as the word “work” is issued a number of different ways. Is it a verb, a noun, an adjective? The answer is yes and more.

### I) Defining work

#### A) A verb- without an object, to do work, labor

1. To be employed.
2. He hasn't work for six weeks.

#### B) A verb with an object – to use or manage (an apparatus).

1. She can work many power tools.
2. Work clothes.

#### C) A noun- exertion or effort directed to produce or accomplish something; labor.

1. I have been working on this house for weeks.
2. One's place of employment.

#### D) Adjective – of, for, or concerning work

1. Work clothes.

The point being work sometimes refers to what one does, the product of one's work, the place one works, or the object one is working on.

**II) Dead works, *Hebrews 6.1***

**A) Works under the law of Moses, *Hebrews 9.13-14.***

1. The works under the law of Moses convicted and condemned one of sin, leading to death.
2. The law of Moses was taken out of the way, it became a dead law, supplanted by the Law of Christ. In this case it separated the one keeping the Old Law from the New Law.

**B) Work of the devil, *John 8.44***

1. Specific works we attribute to the devil.
2. Tempted Adam and Eve, *Genesis 3.*
3. Tempted Jesus, called the tempter, *Matthew 4.3*

**C) Works of the flesh, *Galatians 5.19ff.***

1. They gratify the flesh but cause great harm.
2. Great harm to the one performing those works, great harm to those affected by those deeds.

**D) Self-righteous works, *Romans 10.3.***

1. There are works that appear to be righteous but have nothing to do with God's word. *Colossians 2.20-23*

2. We should never equate these self-righteous works with our next work.

### III) **Good works in the Bible.**

#### A) **The works of God.**

1. Creation of the Universe, *Genesis 2.2-3.*
2. The flood during the days of Noah.
3. Walls of Jericho falling down.
4. The birth of Jesus.

#### B) **Works of Christ, *John 9.4***

1. Living a sinless life
2. Fulfilling all righteousness, *Matthew 3.14-15*
3. Fulfilling all scriptures, *Matthew 5.17*
4. Being our perfect example
5. Fulfilling all the prophecies concerning Him.

#### C) **Work of faith, *1 Thess. 1.3.***

1. There are works based on God's word, *Romans 10.17.*
  - a. Noah built an Ark based solely upon God's word, *Hebrews 11.7.*
  - b. The children of Israel marching around the city of Jericho was a work of faith.

2. There are works we do because of conviction and trust in God. *John 8.39*

**D) Works we are to do under the law or Christ, *Phil. 2.12-13* (Not going to be works under the law of Moses, work of the devil, work of the flesh, or self-righteous works.**

1. We are not passive in our salvation but have these things to do.
2. Have an active faith that moves us to obey God.
3. What are some of these works?
  - a. Believe Jesus is the Son of God, *John 8.24*
  - b. Works of repentance, *Matthew 3.8*
  - c. Work of baptism, *Colossians 2.11-12*.

**Conclusion:**

Grace, faith, and works are all part of our salvation. Grace – Jesus leaving heaven to live and die a cruel death. Faith – accepting God’s work and believing. Works in obeying God’s word.