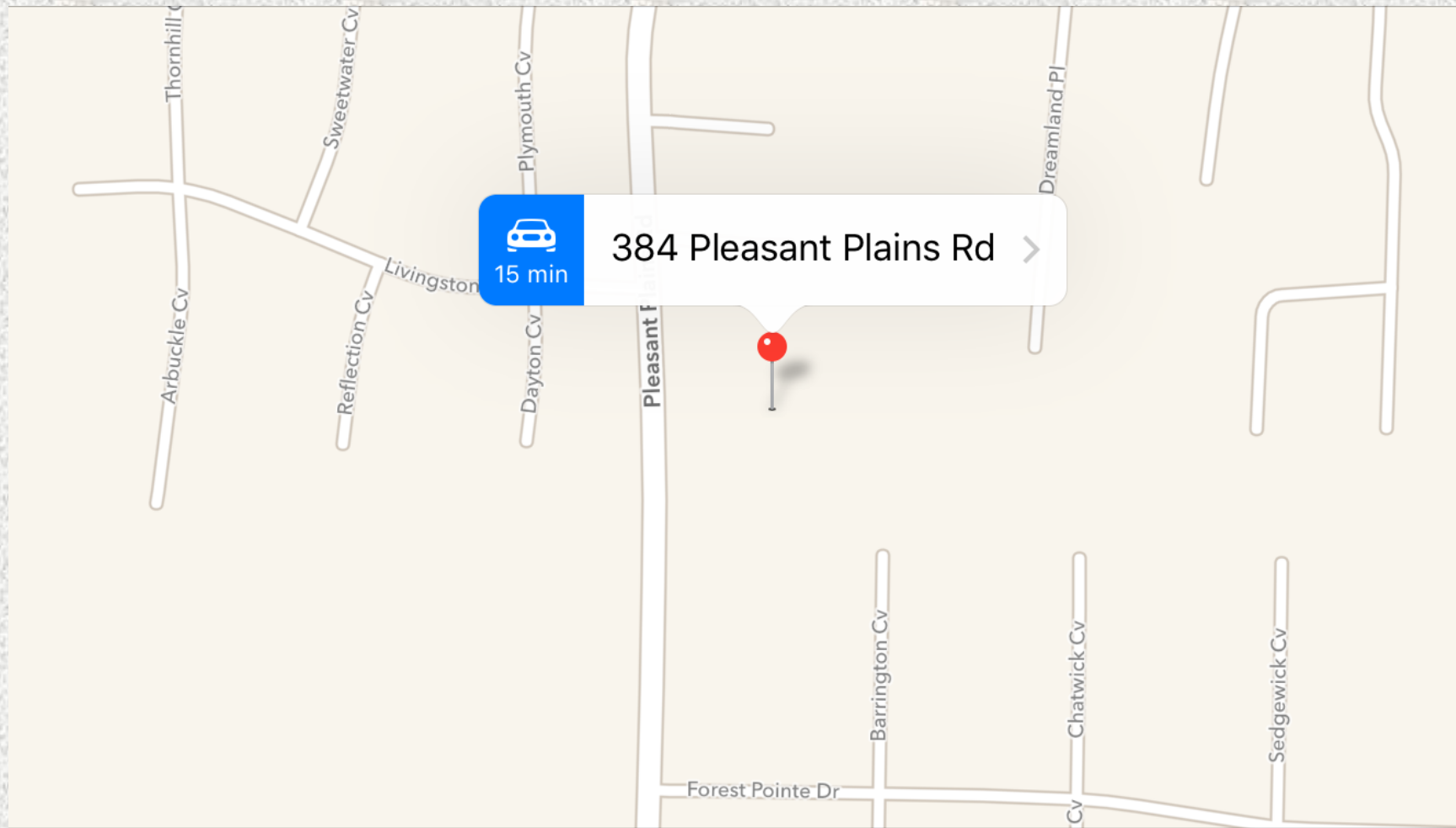
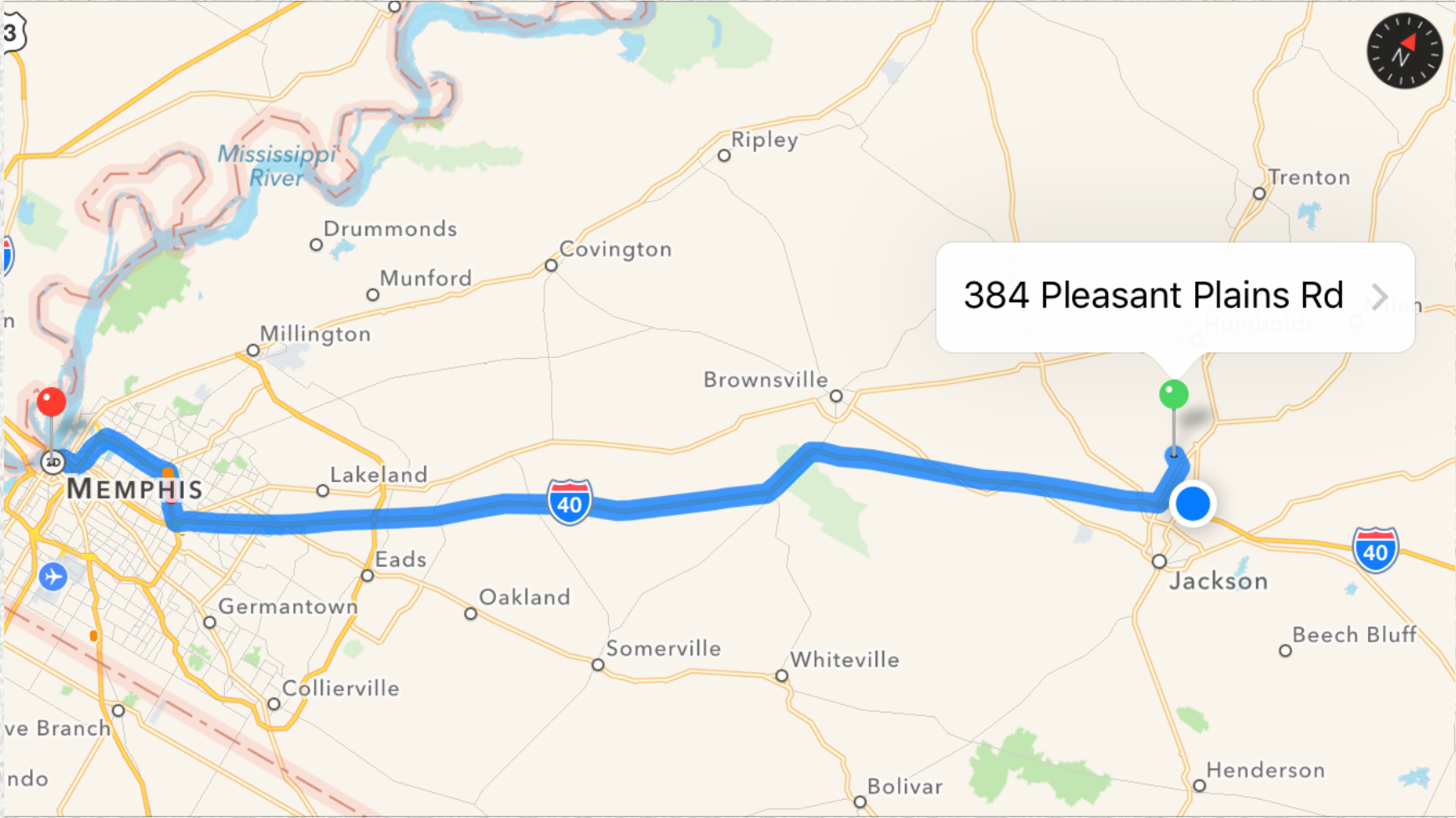


**Works: Do they  
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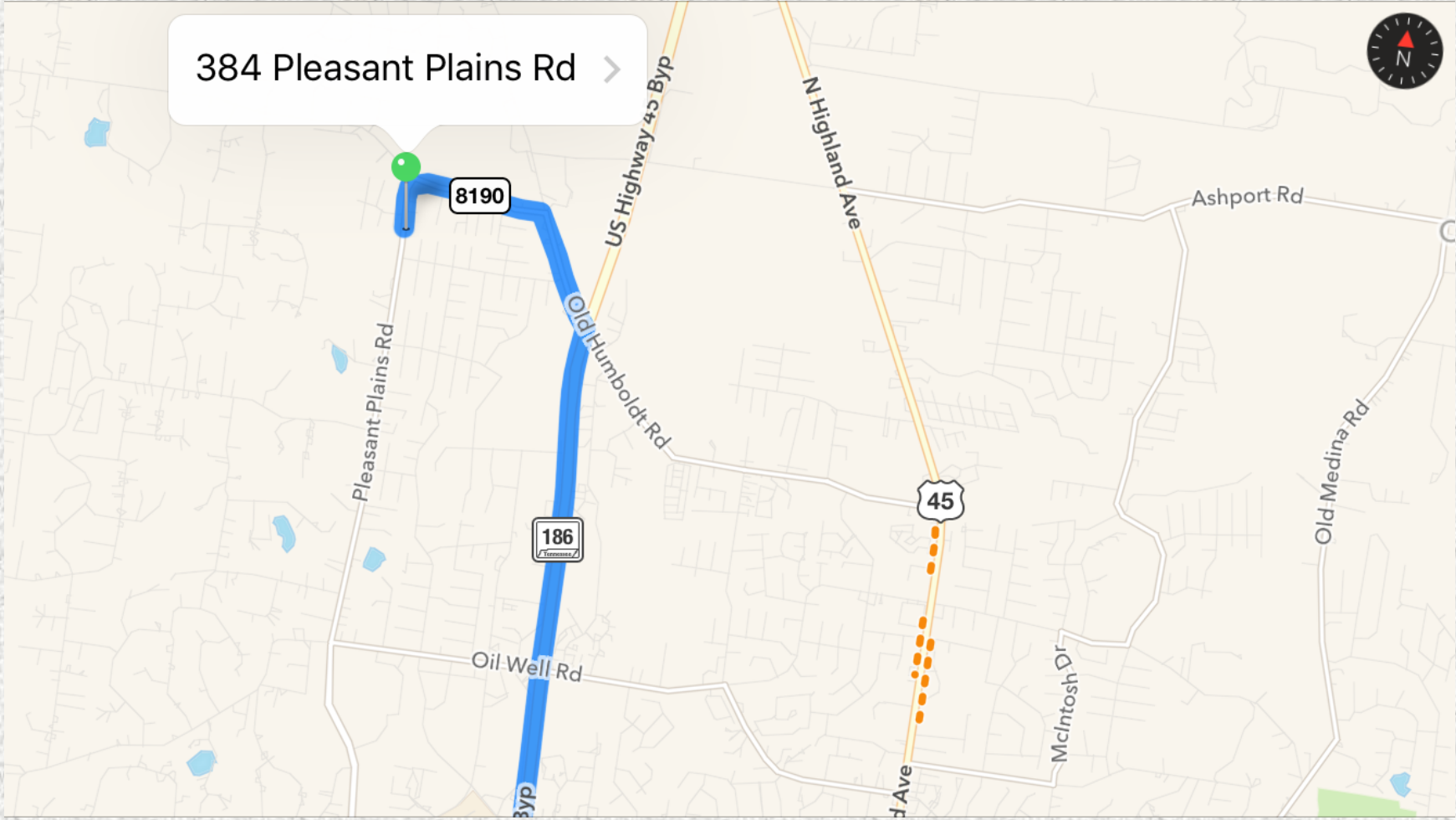


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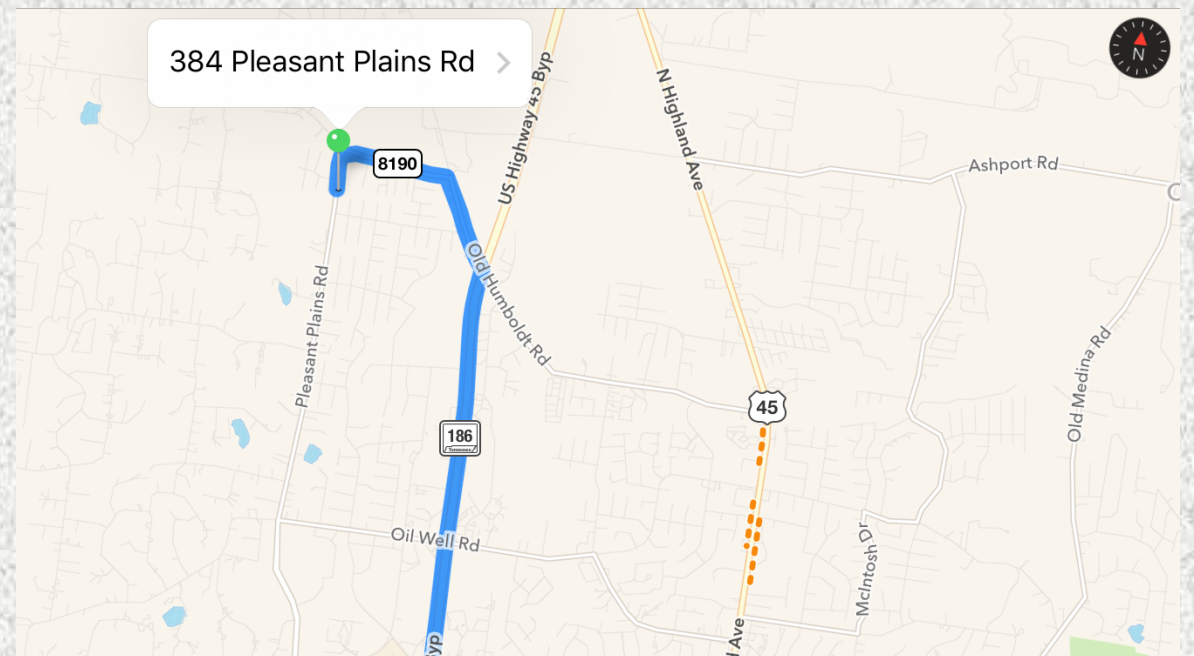
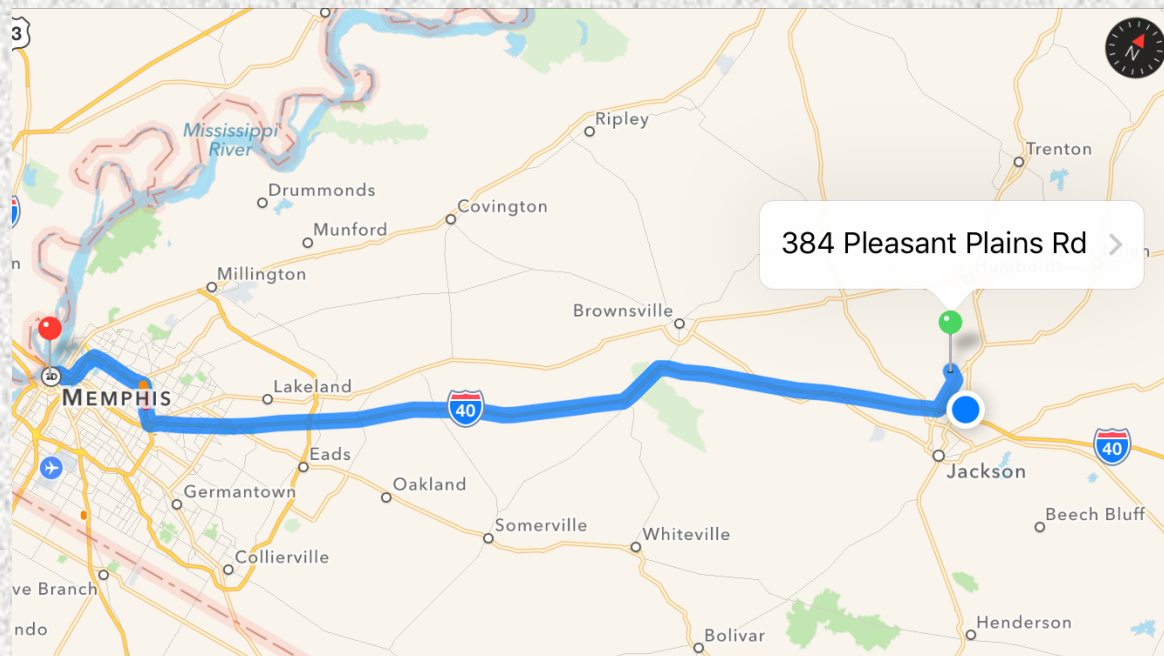




# Directions to Memphis: Go South



# Conflicting Messages?



# You are NOT saved by works

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.



# You ARE saved by works

James 2:24

You see that a **man is justified by works**, and not by faith alone.

Works Do <sup>NOT</sup> Save



# Contradiction?

Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I Corinthians 14:33

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

There are different kinds of works.

- Man *is not* saved by works...yet man *is* saved by works.

# Works of Man

Matthew 15:1-3

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, [2] “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” [3] He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”

# Works of Man

Matthew 23:4-7

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. [5] But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. [6] They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, [7] greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.



# Works of Man

2 Tim. 1:8-9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, [9] who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, **not according to OUR works**, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

# Works of Man

Jer. 10:23

O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Matt. 15:9

And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

**Works of Man Do Not  
Save**



# Works of the Devil

1 John 3:8

[8] Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

# Works of the Devil

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?” [2] And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; [3] but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” [4] Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. [5] For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

# Works of the Devil

- Works of darkness
  - Unfruitful: Expose & Cast Off

Ephesians 5:11

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.



# Works of the Devil

- Works of darkness
- Wicked Works
  - Bring alienation

Colossians 1:21

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

# Works of the Devil

- Works of darkness
- Wicked Works
- Works of the Flesh
  - Workers will not inherit kingdom

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, [20] idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, [21] envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Works of Man Do Not Save  
**Works of the Devil Do Not  
Save**



# Works of Law

Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 3:11

But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

# Works of Law

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:28

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

# Works of Law

Romans 9:31-32

but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. [32] Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.



Works of Man Do Not Save

Works of the Devil Do Not Save

**Works of Law Do Not Save**

# Works of Obedience

James 2:14-26

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!...



# Works of Obedience

James 2:14-26 (contd)

[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. [25] Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? [26] For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.



# Works of Obedience

- Faith is a work

John 6:28-29

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.”

# Works of Obedience

- Faith is a work
- Jesus set the example

John 9:4

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

# Works of Obedience

- Faith is a work
- Jesus set the example
- Whatever God requires to be done is right or righteous

Psalm 119:172

My tongue shall speak of  
Your word, For ALL YOUR  
COMMANDMENTS ARE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.



# Works of Obedience

- Faith is a work Acts 10:35
  - Jesus set the example
  - Whatever God requires to be done is right or righteous
  - People who work the works of righteousness are accepted by God
- But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

# Works of Obedience

- Faith is a work
- Jesus set the example
- Whatever God requires to be done is right or righteous
- People who work the works of righteousness are accepted by God
- Christians work out their own salvation by continuing to work the works of obedience

Philippians 2:12

Therefore, my beloved, as you 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;



# Works of Obedience

Matthew 7:21; 24-27

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven...[24]

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: [25] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: [27] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”



# Works of Obedience

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Works of Man Do Not Save

Works of the Devil Do Not Save

Works of Law Do Not Save

**Works of Obedience DO Save**

# Works of Obedience

Romans 10:10

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Acts 17:30

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.