

The Failure of Working

There are two difficult heart questions for Christians to answer. The first is the question of evil. The second is the question of good people: "Why do good people ignore and reject Jesus?"

Scripture(s): Romans 9:30 - 10:10

Remember this - We find God's salvation only when we are willing to trust in Jesus alone.

I. The first failure of works to lead us to God is works leads to a _____ of Jesus. Push through all the excuses people use for rejecting Jesus and notice the " _____ reason" that they reject Him.

II. The second failure of works to lead us to God is works do not make us like _____. Rejecting God's way to be more like Him cannot _____ to Him.

John 14:6 Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

III. The third failure of works to lead us to God is we cannot receive what is right _____ to us. Doing works to get close to God ignores that God has already _____ to us.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

1 John 5:10-12 10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. 11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

IV. The fourth failure of works to lead us to God is working to reach God misses God's richest _____.

Our challenge: Choose _____ in Jesus rather than works to live with God.

Our key questions:

1. Is your desire to be _____ keeping you from following Jesus?
2. Will you come to Jesus as your Savior and friend to walk _____ instead of insisting on walking on your own?
3. Listen to the Spirit's still, small voice telling you about life through Jesus. Do you _____ Him?

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