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Part 8

The Means To Good Works

Heb. 13:21

INTRODUCTION

- I. GOD ESTABLISHES THE BELIEVER IN EVERY GOOD WORK. 2 Thess. 2:17
 - A. Paul desires that the Thessalonians be “established”.
 1. “*Establish*” – is the Greek word *sterizo* **to strengthen, cause one to be stable** --them in every good work. cf. Acts 15:32; 2 Pet. 1:12
 2. “*Sterizo*” is from the Greek word “*histemi*” which is used in the New Testament of **that which is settled; steady, fixed, unmoveable**. Cf. Lk. 16:26 (of the gulf that existed between paradise and the place of torment); Lk. 9:51 (of a fixed mindset -the Lord to go to Jerusalem)
 3. The place of “establishment” (stability) is in the heart. 1st Thess. 3:13
 - a) “Heart” is seen in Scripture as the place of the mind (Prov. 23:7) the will (1st Co. 4:5) and the emotions (Rom. 10:1).
 - b) The heart can be “troubled” -- *tarasso* -- “**to stir or agitate.**” -- Strong’s lexicon -- due to adverse circumstances.cf. John 14:1, 27
 4. The Lord is the One Who provides for the stabilization of believers. Rom. 16:25 (textual problem concerning whether versus 25-27 is included in the original text)
 - a) The stabilization was upon the basis of Paul’s gospel which was focused upon the resurrected Christ. 2 Tim. 2:8;. Cf. Gal. 1:6 -12; 2:20
 - b) The good news that God’s people could be stabilized in this way was not made known before this dispensation. Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:5
 5. An established (settled) believer is able to deal with pressures. 2 Thess. 3:3
 - B. The need for establishment is in a sphere of every word. Vs. 17
 1. “In word” is used of speech, talk. Cf. Col. 3:17; 1st Tim. 4:12; 1st John 3:18; 1st Co. 4:20
 2. “In word” is used of a doctrine. 1st Tim. 5:17; 1st Thess. 1:5; 2 Pet. 1:12
 3. It is used of doctrine in 2 Thess. 2. 2 Thess. 2:15 cf. 2 Thess. 2:2
 - C. The need for establishment is in a sphere of every good work. Vs. 17
- II. GOD MAKES THE BELIEVER “PERFECT” IN EVERY GOOD WORK. Heb. 13:21

- A. The Eternal Covenant is a covenant made in eternity past with the Father and the Son. vs. 20
1. Under the Eternal Covenant, the Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. John 10:14-15
 2. Under the Eternal Covenant the Shepherd brings together two sheep
 3. folds. John 10:16
 4. The blood shed by the Son allows Him the right to be the great Shepherd of the sheep -- the Church. vs. 20 (the instrumental use of the “en” preposition emphasizes the blood of the Son making it possible)
 5. Christ was *raised* (from an ago **to lead up, bring again**. Ill. Lk. 4:5; Matt. 4:1) to fulfill the Eternal Covenant. vs.20
 6. Under the Eternal Covenant the Shepherd watches over the souls of His sheep. 1 Pet. 2:25
- B. Because of this covenant, the Son is committed to causing the believer to do those good works that are well pleasing to the Father. Vs. 21
1. The believer is adjusted **to do His desirous will**.
 - a) The phrase “make you perfect” is *katartisai* which is used of Scripture of **mending something that is ripped or torn back to its workable state; to equip**. -- K.D. J. cf. Matt. 4:21 (of nets)
 - b) Spiritual gifts are utilized in the adjustment process. Eph. 4:12
 - c) Spiritual believers are utilized in the process. Gal. 6:1
 2. Once adjusted, the believer will be doing those things *well-pleasing* (Rom. 12:1; 2 Co. 5:9; Phil. 4:18) before Him

CONCLUSION

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Part 9

The Attitude to Good Works

1st Co. 3:10-15

- I. GOD PROVIDES GIFTS FOR THE ADJUSTING OF THE SAINTS TO DO THE WORK
 - A. Adjusting Heb. 13:21
 - B. Gifts -- eph. 4:12
- II. GOD WORKS IN THE BELIEVER.

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1st Co. 3:10-15

Thesis: The believer should be abounding in the work of the Lord; and prove his work;

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God currently acquainted with Believer's works

Rev. 2:2, 9, 13; 3:8,15

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Part 4

The Judgment of Work

1st Co. 3:10-15

- I. THE WORKS OF MEN WHILE IN THE BODY UPON THE EARTH WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE FOR EACH IN ETERNITY FUTURE.
 - A. God will judge the works of all men. Ro
 - B. The unbeliever's will be judged according to their works at the Judgment of the Sheep and Goats and the Great White Throne Judgments.
 - C. The Grace Believer's works will be judged at the Bema Seat Judgment.
- II. THE WORKS OF MEN ARE CRUCIAL TO THEIR FUTURE STATE BEYOND THIS LIFE.