

What Lutherans Believe

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The Judgment of Works

Scriptural Basis for the Judgment of Works

Matthew 25:31ff

John 5:24-28

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Acts 17:30-31

Works: in Faith/Spirit, and in Unbelief/Flesh

The distinction is real, and eternally consequential: [John 3:16-18](#)

Jesus explains the “works of God”: [John 6:28-40](#)

There are objective and subjective parts of our salvation: [John 11:25-27](#)

“Good works” apart from faith are wholly insufficient: [Romans 8:1-11](#)

The demands of the law (works) were nailed to the cross: [Colossians 2:8-15](#)

Works in a Nutshell (MEMORIZE THIS)

[Ephesians 2:8-10](#):

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”